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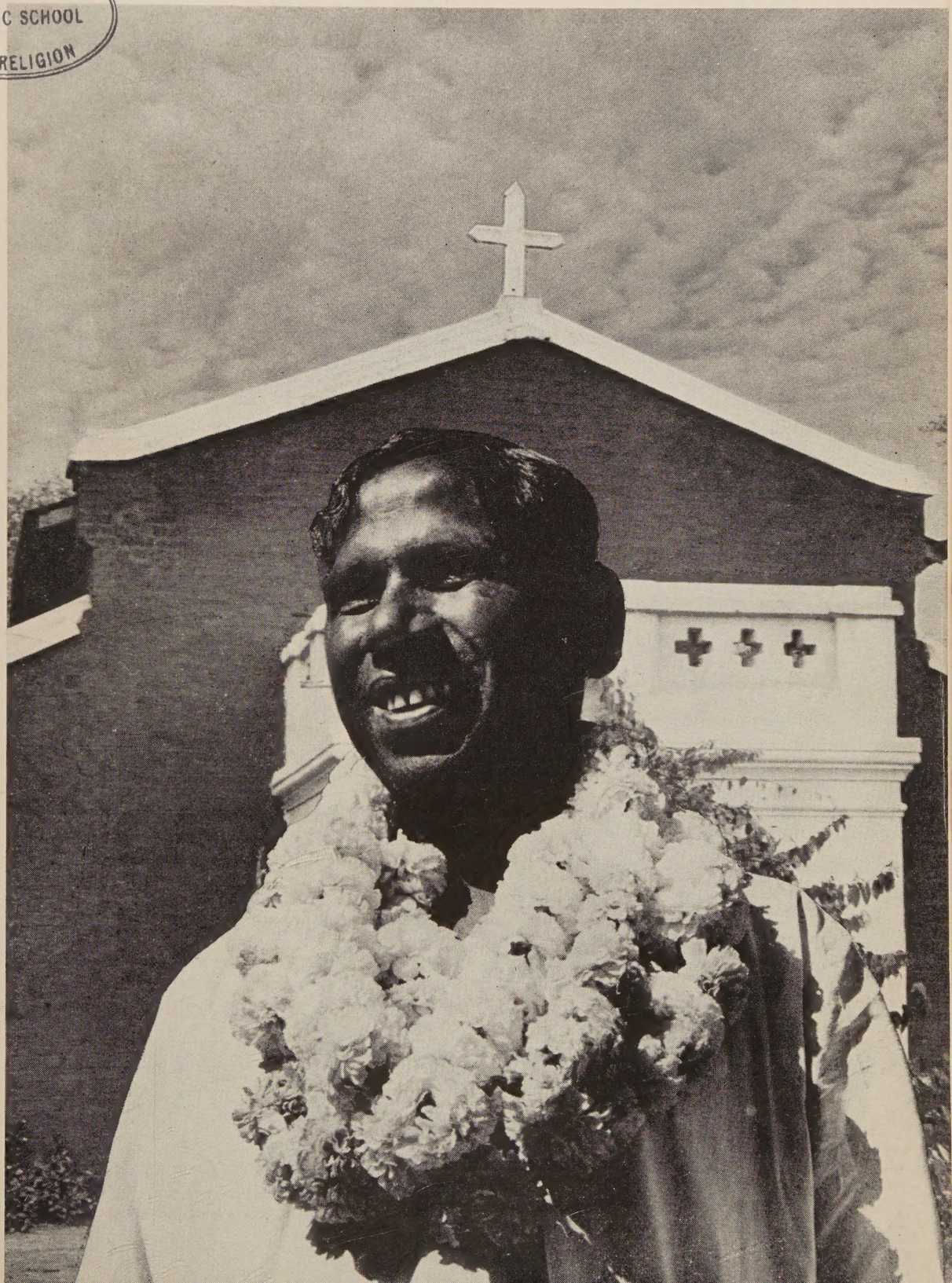

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The Cover

A newly-installed circle pastor, of Takhatpur, India, appears in this month's cover picture. He is Yusaf Nath-Kosaria, who, in addition to serving as pastor of the local Disciples of Christ congregation, now has charge of evangelistic work in a "circle" of small churches in the area. The story of Yusaf Nath-Kosaria and the new duties which he and other Christians in India are assuming begins on page 12. Written by missionary Kenneth Potee, the article is illustrated with Black Star photos by Verona. Also included in this issue are other articles dealing with the theme of the ministry. On pages 14-17 is a picture story which tells what retired ministers are doing.

Hidden Answers

1. From what sources do retired ministers get income?
2. Who is Dr. Manuel Gamio?
3. What will be the estimated population of the U.S. in 1975?
4. How many baptisms did Disciples missionaries record in 1954?
5. What did Charles O. McAfee do?
6. What are the outreach and local church emphases for 1955-56?
7. What is the Area Assembly theme?
8. Name some areas of family life in which privacy should be respected.
9. Why was March 2 an important day at Mountain of Light Farm?
10. What is a *tonga* in India?

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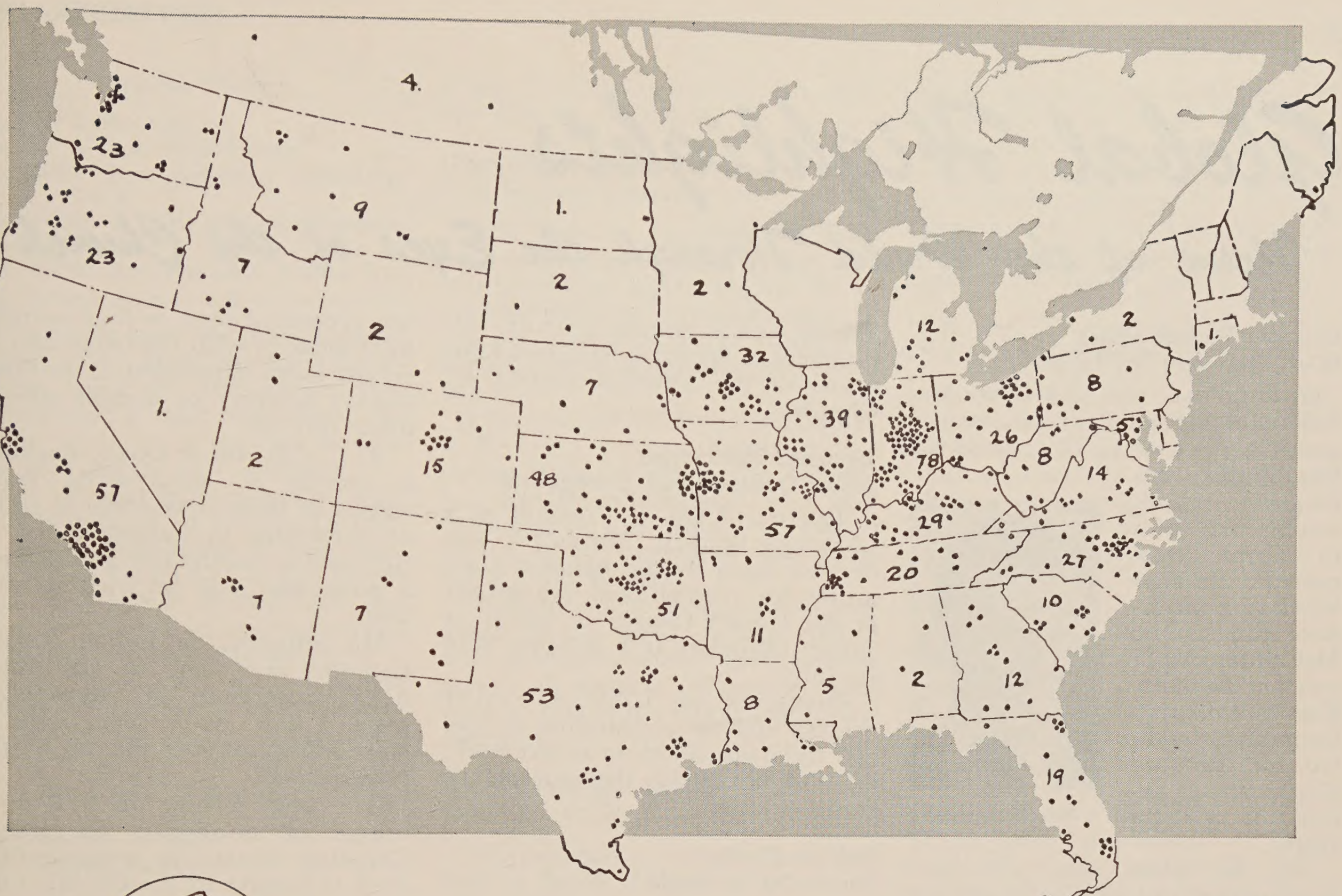

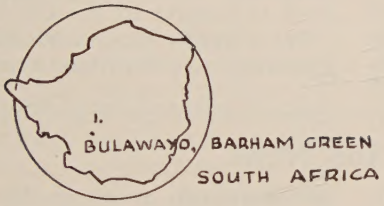

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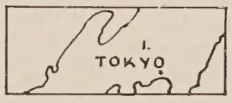

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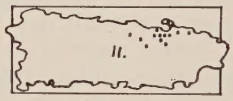

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Global Highlights

News of the World Through the Eyes of the Church

Disciple Begins Work With Refugees in Egypt

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Malcolm McCallum of Bakersfield, Calif., former associate minister of First Christian Church there, has begun work among refugees in Egypt. Supported through Week of Compassion funds, Mr. McCallum will serve the Near East Christian Council Committee for Refugee Work for a period of three years.

Mr. McCallum

Mr. McCallum, who will have headquarters in Cairo, will supervise the distribution of relief goods to the refugees. In addition he will negotiate with churches, governmental ministries and United States representatives concerning the relief program and will work with local refugee committees in providing loans, distributing clothing, initiating agricultural rehabilitation projects and encouraging a creative social life among residents and refugees.

The administration of Mr. McCallum's work will be through the Council on Christian Unity of Disciples of Christ in the framework of the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical bodies of the Near East, particularly the Near East Christian Council.

The new appointee holds degrees from the University of Oregon and the School of Religion at Butler University here.

Weekday Religious Education Workers to Meet in 1956

OBERLIN, OHIO. — Hundreds of weekday religious education leaders will meet on the campus of Oberlin College here June 25-28, 1956, for their first national conference.

The purposes of the conference are to strengthen the weekday movement, to secure denominational and public understanding and support of the movement, and to emphasize weekday religious education teaching as a Christian vocation. The conference will be sponsored by the Department of Weekday Religious Education of the National Council of Churches.

Japanese Protestants Study Occupational Evangelism

TOKYO. (RNS). — Creation of a Christian Workers Movement was decided upon by the national committee for occupational evangelism of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) at a meeting here in July.

Promotion of Labor Gospel Schools and the preparation of special audio-visual aids to attract workers will be among the movement's primary tasks.

British Disciple Sentenced in India

AMBIKAPUR, INDIA. (RNS). — A British Disciples of Christ missionary was sentenced here to four months' hard labor in what Christian sources regard as an expression of anti-missionary hostility by district government officials.

T. C. Christie of Leeds, England, a veteran of twenty-seven years' service in India, was declared guilty of attempting to smuggle a bag of rice across a district line and striking a peon who said he tried to stop him.

His attorney, an Indian Roman Catholic, said that "in my professional experience of twenty-eight years, I have never come across a more fabricated case put up by the prosecution."

The peon is now on trial on a charge of murdering an Indian Christian whom he unsuccessfully tried to involve in the Christie case.

Mr. Christie was convicted also of gathering rice without a permit to

Persons in the News . . .

UPPSALA, SWEDEN.—Dr. Rajah B. Manikam will leave his post as Joint East Asia Secretary for the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council and will become Lutheran bishop of Tranquebar, South India. His consecration will take place on Jan. 14, 1956, in connection with the 250th anniversary celebration of the Tranquebar Mission, said to be the oldest Protestant mission establishment in India.

NEW YORK.—Dr. John W. Dixon, Jr., an instructor in art history and the humanities at Emory University, Oxford, Ga., has been named the first executive director of the Faculty Christian Fellowship of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Dixon's election marks the creation of an organizational center for some 600 independent Fellowship groups among faculty members on college and university campuses across the country.

NEW YORK.—A. Russell Stevenson, former missionary to Egypt and an expert on United States church mission work in southern Asia and the Near East, has been named director of the program in Asia and other non-European areas of the Central Department of Church World Service.

NEWTON CENTER, MASS.—Dr. Paul S. Minear of Andover Newton Theological School here has been named to direct preparations for the North American Study Conference on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," which will be held in 1957 under the auspices of the World Council and the National Council of Churches.

NEW YORK.—Don F. Pielstick, director of town and country church work for the National Council, died suddenly here on June 27 at the age of 48. He had held his post since the formation of the National Council late in 1950.

NEW YORK.—Dr. Hubert C. Noble, chaplain and associate professor of religion at Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif., has been named general director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the National Council. He succeeds Dr. Raymond F. McLain, former president of Transylvania College and now president of the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

Special Days

Sept. 4 Labor Sunday
Sept. 11 Go-to-College Sunday
Sept. 25-27 Area Assembly, Lynchburg, Va.
Sept. 25-Oct. 2 Christian Education Week
Sept. 28-30 Area Assembly, Atlanta, Ga.

feed patients at a temporary medical station set up by a visiting missionary eye specialist. The accused missionary said he had applied for the permit and was under the impression that it had been granted.

The offenses were alleged to have been committed in Surguja District, of which Ambikapur is the headquarters. This district is part of the state of Madhya Pradesh and has been the scene of violent expressions of hostility toward Christians.

The United Christian Missionary Society, which also works in Surguja, is contributing to the funds which will pay for an appeal of the "Christie Case," as it is being called.

Four Groups Protest U.S. Indian Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Four prominent groups have joined in a protest of the United States government's new policy which has made it easier for individual Indians to sell their land. The organizations are the National Congress of American Indians, Association on American Indian Affairs, Indian Rights Association, and Friends Committee on National Legislation. In a joint statement the groups declared that the new policy of giving land disposal rights [fee-patents] to "competent" Indians "makes clear that land held by an individual Indian may now be fee-patented irrespective of the detrimental effect [this] may have on the land of his Indian neighbors or the Indian community of which he is a part."

World Council Leaders Meet in Switzerland

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND. — About 90 leaders of the World Council of Churches met here Aug. 2-9 for the first full-scale meeting of the policy-making Central Committee since the organization's mammoth Second Assembly in 1954 at Evanston, Ill.

Prominent on the agenda were reports of the 60 member communions on their work in following up the appeal of the Evanston Assembly to strive for peaceful co-existence and the progressive reduction of arms.

George Walker Buckner, Jr., editor of WORLD CALL and a member of the Central Committee, attended the sessions in Davos.

Disciples Students Win Sermon Contest

NEW YORK. — Disciples of Christ ministerial students have won the two top prizes in the annual Seminary Stewardship Sermon Contest of the National Council of Churches' department of stewardship and benevolence.

First prize of $100 went to Daniel C. Kechel, a senior at the Drake University Divinity School, Des Moines, Ia. Rhodes Thompson, who was graduated in June from The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., took the $50 second prize.

Announcement of the awards was made by George S. Schultz, chairman of the National Council department's theological education committee. Last year's winners also were Disciples.

Arab Christian Attends Disciples Work Camp

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—George Wahabi of Beirut, Lebanon, was one of seven young people who participated in a seven-week work camp at Flanner House, Negro settlement center here, July 5-Aug. 24. The work camp was sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Wahabi, 25 years old, is a member of the Evangelical Church of Syria and Lebanon. He has studied at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. Mr. Wahabi's trip to America was made possible through the fraternal worker's fund of the Week of Compassion.

The work camp involved assisting in self-help projects at Flanner House as well as working with the maintenance staff and gardening, cannery and repair jobs.

Pittsburgh Selected as 1959 Disciples Convention Site

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Pittsburgh, Pa., was officially selected as the site of the 1959 International Convention Assembly of Disciples of Christ at a meeting of the Time and Place Committee of the International Convention, held here recently.

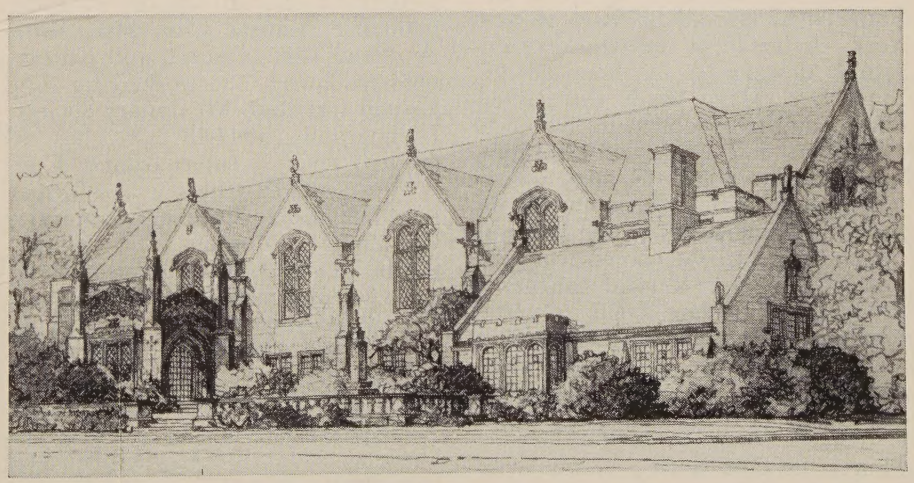
The 1959 International Convention Assembly in Pittsburgh will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell. Dates for the Pittsburgh convention will be set later, either for August or October, 1959.

Labor Leader, a Disciple, Wants Laity "Abolished"

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (RNS).—A call to "abolish the laity" so that all can "become preachers and move church work out of the church building and into the community," was sounded here recently by a leader of organized labor.

Albert Whitehouse, director of District 25 of the United Steelworkers of America and the first organized labor representative to be elected a vice-president of the National

Historical Society Begins Construction



Construction of the $600,000 building of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tenn., was started in August. The architect's drawing of the structure is shown above. The building will be a memorial to Thomas W. Phillips, 1835-1912, prominent Disciple philanthropist, author and layman. It is being erected with funds provided by the Phillips family of western Pennsylvania. Construction is expected to take eighteen months, according to James E. McKinney, executive director of the Historical Society. The memorial building will contain more than 21,000 square feet of usable space and will provide housing for 150,000 volumes in its stacks.

Council of Churches, addressed the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention.

Mr. Whitehouse, who has served on several national commissions of his own communion, the Disciples of Christ, urged the delegates to "really put into practice that glorious Protestant doctrine of the universal priesthood of all believers."

Aid to Hilfswerk Totals 211 Million Pounds

STUTTGART, GERMANY. (RNS).—Hilfswerk, welfare agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has received from abroad and distributed more than 211 million pounds of relief supplies since 1945, according to its annual report issued here.

United States church groups, which donated 72 million pounds, top the list of about forty countries contributing to Hilfswerk, followed by Switzerland (8 million pounds), Sweden (5.5 million pounds), Norway (2.1 million pounds), and South Africa (1.9 million pounds).

During the past year, the report said, Hilfswerk received a total of 19.2 million pounds of gifts from abroad, including 8.8 million marks ($1,200,000) in cash.

Churches to Hold First Social Welfare Conference

NEW YORK.—Four individuals and a local church, selected by the delegates, will be honored for outstanding achievement in the field of social welfare at the first national conference on the churches and social welfare at Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 1-4.

Plans for the citations were announced by Harold Baldwin of New York, chairman of the citation committee designated by Leonard W. Mayo. Dr. Mayo heads the conference committee, representative of 30 Protestant and Orthodox communions.

Delegates will make nominations for the awards, and the recipients of the citations will be chosen from the nominees by an electoral college of 100 delegates. Some 2,000 delegates representing all phases of Protestant-Orthodox social welfare in the United States are expected to attend the conference.

Church Leaders Back Indian Land Reformer

RANCHI, INDIA. (RNS).—A joint statement supporting Acharya Vinoba Bhave's movement for redistributing India's land by voluntary gifts was issued here by area leaders of the Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches. They said the movement, called Bhoodan, has "created a hopeful trend in solving the land problem of India in a manner which appeals to the best and highest instincts in human nature."

The Bhave-led movement seeks to obtain from landowners a sixth of the country's cultivable land—about 50 million acres—for distribution to the landless. By the end of May, Bhoodan workers reported having gathered a total of 3,758,692 acres from 502,641 donors.

The state of Bihar, in which this city of Ranchi is located, leads the country in both land donations and in redistribution, according to statistics released by Bhoodan workers. Some 11,364 landless families of Bihar have already benefited from the movement.

Beneath the Spire

MISS ETHEL ELIZABETH BRETCHES, 46, employed by Federal government in secretarial capacity, is member of National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C. . . . graciously entertains foreign visitors, as hobby, meeting them at International Center where she is hostess when possible; also reaches foreign students through American University Language Center . . . born near Independence, Kan., member Independence Scholarship Team that won first place in 1926 . . . worked in law office in Independence six years, went to Washington, 1934 . . . has taught juniors in church schools in Independence, Kansas City, Mo., Independence Blvd. Church and National City Church . . . worked for The United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, 1947-48 . . . has attended several International Conventions of Disciples . . . former board member Chinese Community Church, Washington . . . at 1954 Capital Area Convention elected corresponding secretary Christian Women's Fellowship board.

Miss Bretches

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GENE ROBINSON, 36, minister First Christian Church, La Grande, Ore., is active in ecumenical and community affairs . . . there since 1946, congregation has doubled membership and attendance, now occupies sanctuary in two-unit building . . . born Salem, Ore., educated Northwest Christian College . . . married Enid Linn, 1941; four children: Timothy, 12; Mark, 10; Stephen, 4; Ann, 1 . . . previous pastorates: Brownsville, Ore., three years while student; Turner, Ore., five years . . . member board Oregon Council of Churches seven years, past president Ministerial Association and Rotary Club, a Mason, active in work of Red Cross, Boy Scouts, etc. . . . named Junior First Citizen of La Grande for 1948.

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GEORGE F. RATLIFF, faithful member First Christian Church, Midland, Tex., will be 84 years old Sept. 10 . . . born near Austin in heart of Texas, walked three miles to log cabin school . . . moved to west Texas cattle country in 1894, bought a ranch in 1903 . . . on May 8, 1906, after seven years courtship, married Annie R. Bedford; three children are Frances (Mrs. Wm.) Blevins, Dorothy (Mrs. E. I.) Bailey, and Bennie Sue (Mrs. Len G.) McCormick . . . he was chairman 18 years (retiring 1946) of Midland Church's board of directors on which he served 35 years as deacon and elder . . . before Mrs. Ratliff passed on in 1954 they divided their oil money equally with daughters, took their two-fifths, sold royalties for cash and gave nearly all away . . . $50,000 to Texas Christian Missionary Society, $50,000 to T.C.U., $35,000 to Juliette Fowler Homes, and $50,000 to new Midland Church building, dedicated 1950 . . . always liberal supporters of brotherhood causes, he continues missionary interest mainly in memory of his devoted wife.

Mr. Ratliff

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The Church, the Minister, the Ministry

THE church has a responsibility for its ministry which only the church can bear. And the well-being of the church depends in large measure on the nature of its concern for the Christian ministry.

Many local congregations seem never to think of the ministry as a whole. Or if they do, they simply see it as a source of supply. Sometimes the supply is up, sometimes down. They don't know why. And they never have the faintest idea that what they themselves do or fail to do has anything to do with the ministry of the church as a whole.

Such was a congregation in a midwestern state. One of its "leaders" was complaining to his church's state secretary that something must be wrong when a small but historic country church like his could not find a minister. In all his years he had never seen such a situation. And he was quite ready to put the blame where it belonged—on the kind of young people we have been raising up and on the failure of our church colleges and seminaries!

After hearing the story to the end, the state secretary put to the man a pointed question.

"Brother Blank," he asked quietly, "how many ministers has your church produced in its ninety years?"

"Produced?" replied the old man—as if he saw a faint light. "Well, I don't reckon we've produced any. But we've used up a heap."

A church that cares about having a minister must care about the ministry. There are three ways in which a church can express this concern.

FIRST of all, every church must be *concerned with the making of ministers.* This means that a church's idea of the ministry and the way it treats its own minister will create an atmosphere in which young people will think of the ministry as the high calling that it is. It means too that the church will interest itself in youth's time of decision for *all* worthy vocations. It means also that the church will give generous support to its colleges and seminaries and to Christian student work. Every church has a responsibility for making ministers.

A second responsibility of the church is to *support the ministry fairly and generously through the years of active service.* When we compare salaries of ministers with those of others with comparable training and experience we see that the way we support the ministry of the church leaves much to be desired. Even when we have in recent years increased these salaries they have usually lagged behind the rising costs of living.

From 1939 to 1954 the Cost-of-Living Index rose from 99.4 to 192.3—nearly doubling. Thus we paid $1.92 in 1954 for that which cost only 99 cents in 1939. The church that paid its minister $2,500 a year in 1939 has really cut his salary if it pays him $4,500 now. And unless it gives him an adequate allowance for car and other expense it has added further to his load, for all such costs are up.

THE degree of fairness and generosity with which a church supports its minister helps make him either more or less effective in his work. It also lifts up or minimizes the ministry as a whole. And it counts heavily in the regard or lack of regard with which people of the community look upon the church itself. And on the message it proclaims.

A third responsibility of the church is *to provide for the ministry beyond the years of active service.* Few ministers, of their own efforts alone, come to retirement with adequate provision for these years. And so, churches have joined together and established pension systems through which they and the ministers together can make possible a modest measure of security for this period. Almost no local church could do this alone. But through systems like the Pension Plan of Disciples of Christ, the churches do for the ministry that which churches alone cannot do for the minister.

A church that cares about the ministry, then, will help make ministers. It will also support its ministry fairly and generously in its period of active service. And it will help build security for the "years beyond." Such a church will not only build a worthy ministry. It will also merit the richness of the ministry it has helped establish.

Disciples Move Forward

Annual Reports Show Progress in Foreign Missionary Work

STEADY gains continue to be made by Disciples of Christ in their foreign missionary work, according to the 1954 reports from the field which were released recently. Total membership of the churches in the ten countries served rose from 110,586 to 111,179 during the year, and the number of organized churches increased from 261 to 264. A total of 6,325 baptisms was recorded.

In the Belgian Congo, where 83 missionaries of The United Christian Missionary Society served in 1954, there were 4,605 baptisms. Out of 501,000 persons who were then living in the field, 83,630 were members of the church.

Medical work in Congo was appreciated more this past year by the people, missionaries say. Although the medical program was understaffed, 657,863 treatments were given. The program continued to center around the five hospitals and eleven dispensaries.

The physical equipment of the Congo Mission received many needed improvements during the year. New schools, a church, hospital buildings and new residences either were completed or were well under construction in 1954.

Although the church in Argentina still has fewer than 500 members, it maintains an active witness in its field. An important development during 1954 was the progress of the work in the northern part of the country, at Barranqueras. A lot was bought and a church building fund was started.

Developments in India Work

Developments in the India work of Disciples were numerous this past year. Despite the difficulties caused by government policy and Hindu pressure in some areas, there was a gain in membership. The 1954 reports showed 3,853 members, 30 organized churches and 63 places of regular meeting. Medical work continued to play an important role in the mission program this past year. More than 110,000 treatments were given in the five hospitals and three dispensaries maintained by the mission.

In Jamaica, where Disciples have been working since 1858, there was a small loss in 1954 as a result of the revision of church rolls. The membership of the 30 churches on the island stood at 2,776. Among the notable events of the year was the dedication of Oklahoma Lodge as the new Disciples center in Jamaica. Another achievement was the noticeable increase in giving to all departments of church work—the result of special emphasis on stewardship.

The year 1954 was a historic one for the Japan Mission. A study late in the year by a visiting commission of Disciples resulted in the integration of the United Society's efforts fully with those of nine other mission agencies. During the year, however, Disciples still supported in a direct way their own churches, schools and social service institutions. Churches historically related to Disciples of Christ increased from 13 to 14. There were 95 baptisms, a net gain of 45 and a total membership of 1,206 persons. Treatments by workers in the medical program totaled 66,257.

The membership of churches in Mexico remained below 1,000 in 1954, but the total program indicated an increasing vitality. There were twelve organized churches and a membership of 890. A new chapel was built and dedicated at Pabellon, and a badly needed deep well was opened at Mountain of Light Farm. In the two hospitals and two dispensaries there were 7,027 treatments made.

Increase in Paraguay

An emphasis on evangelism in Paraguay in 1954 and an awakened sense of responsibility by the people resulted in a 37 per cent increase in church membership, from 108 to 147. Two new preaching points were opened. One is in a suburb of Asuncion; the other is outside Coronel Oviedo. The Barrio Colón Church was organized, two new Sunday schools were established, and another youth group was organized. The first convention of Disciples of Christ took place in 1954. Friendship Mission in Asuncion reported 2,000 free dental treatments, 350 medical treatments and an average of 60 free baths a day.

Disciples in the Philippines increased the total membership of their 101 churches by 281 this past year, bringing the total to 11,309. At the close of the year it was significant that for the first time in twenty years there were resident missionaries of the United Society occupying all five stations. This made possible the release of a new missionary couple to attend language school.

In 1954, for the first time in their history, Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico exceeded 6,000 in number. To attain a total of 6,283, the churches received 378 new members by baptism.

New Maturity in Puerto Rico

The adoption of the new constitution of the administrative board of the Puerto Rican churches is a chief accomplishment of the past year. Written cooperatively by the Puerto Rican administrative group and a committee from the United Society, the constitution proclaims new maturity on the part of the island churches in a two-fold way. In taking over management of their own affairs they also assume their responsibility in the world-wide mission of the church.

The small Thailand work began to grow into a "real mission" in 1954, the workers there report. New missionary arrivals raised the number of staff workers to seven. A significant indication of the influence of the mission is that, while there were only 588 members in two organized churches in 1954, there were 18,034 medical treatments given.

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Past and present executives of the Pension Fund include, left to right, F. E. Smith, first executive secretary, retired; Hollis L. Turley, present executive secretary, and Paul G. Preston, second executive secretary, retired. The late A. E. Cory, the first executive officer, was known as the "director" of the Pension Plan.

It Undergirds The Ministry

Pension Plan of the Disciples of Christ Celebrates Its 25th Birthday This Year

By D. ERVIN SHEETS*

THIS is the twenty-fifth year of the operation of the Pension Plan. As of January 1, 1931, there were no members and no churches paying dues. There were no Pension Plan beneficiaries, and the total assets amounted to $1,069,385.33, over half of which belonged to the 1919 Pension System.

At the end of the first year there were 2,405 active members of the Plan. In April of 1931 the first death benefits became payable. In August the first retirements were allowed. Since total and permanent disability has always required one full year's membership before pensioning, no disability benefits were paid until January 1, 1932. During the first year 87 pensions were paid, totaling $11,435.55.

Of the employees of that first year, two of the men, Gerould F. Prewitt, treasurer, and Harmon O. Pritchard, actuary, and six of the women are still in the office. These eight represent almost a third of the twenty-seven persons employed today.

Turley Is Fourth Executive

There have been four who have occupied the post of chief executive. Abram E. Cory retired in 1940 and died in 1952. F. E. Smith, who came to the old Board of Ministerial Relief in 1918 and who, more than any other one person, was responsible for the Pension Plan, served as executive secretary until his retirement in 1944. He was succeeded by Paul G. Preston who served until his retirement in 1951. Both Dr. Smith and Dr. Preston are active in ad interim service with churches of Disciples of Christ. Hollis L. Turley is the present executive.

Of the trustees only three of the original fifteen still serve: W. A. Shullenberger, Oreon E. Scott and Clarence E. Lemmon. Several fine Disciples ministers and a number of strong laymen have been trustees during the past quarter century.

Though the full twenty-five years will not have been completed until the last day of 1955, a look at the figures as of April 30 indicates something of the meaning of the Pension Plan to the ministry.

There are 4,632 active members, with assets of $15,913,380.62 in Pension Plan reserves. The beneficiaries number 1,170. With the 1,058 whose pensions have terminated, some 2,228 have received almost four and one-half million dollars in contractual benefits and an additional million and one-half dollars in gift benefits as a result of Pension Plan membership. These figures do not include more than two million dollars sent to 1,375 ministerial relief recipients, nor one and one-half million dollars paid to 848 pensioners of the 1919 Pension System.

Since the Pension Plan began, a number of services for the ministry have been undertaken. An additional benefits department was begun in 1935. Through this department members and those eligible for membership may accumulate funds for further benefits to themselves and families. Almost five hundred have availed themselves of the service provided and have on reserve more than one million dollars.

Chaplains Covered

The program of paying the church's portion of dues for reserve chaplains on active duty was begun when World War II broke out. During the war years money came from the War Time Service Fund. The program has been continuous except for a few months in 1950 when no money was available. Since then the Week of Compassion offering has provided the dues. From 70 to over 500 chaplains have had coverage at various times because church folk care.

In 1951 a process of lifting the low monthly incomes of almost 800 pensioners under the Pension Plan was started. It was begun by adding definite quarterly amounts and increased as additional gift money became available. By 1954 it was possible to make minimum payments of $50 a month to member pensioners and

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$25 to widows. At present it requires almost two hundred thousand dollars a year for this purpose.

Another new service, this one for the student minister, was inaugurated in October of 1953. The Student Gift Membership Plan takes care of the basic member dues for full-time senior college and all seminary students whose churches will pay 9 per cent dues. Such arrangements continue for a period not to exceed four years. Over 200 have been enrolled under this plan, with 182 participating at this writing.

The only major change in the Pension Plan itself was made July 1, 1954. New benefits increasing the protection for death, disability and minor children were added to the Pension Plan for those who elected the additional coverage and agreed to pay the extra dues. About 87 per cent of all members have selected the new arrangement. All new members since July, 1954, come under the provisions of the revised plan. In the first ten months 59 retirees, 20 who died in active service, 6 disability pensioners, and one who died in retirement have benefited as a result of increased coverage.

What, then, of the future? Since ministers become pensioners every week and young men are entering the ministry year after year, there must be a continuous promotion of the Pension Plan.

There will always be a need of gift money for ministerial relief and supplemental pensions. Though the number of relief applicants is decreasing, there will be a few who will have to be helped. Pensions are growing larger as the plan becomes older. When the majority of contractual pensions go beyond the $600 base, it will be time to ask if this figure is realistic. Meanwhile the 1919 Pension System, which is fully funded, will wear itself out in the early 1990's.

One of the concerns of the staff has been the minister in active service who through no fault of his own is in need of financial help. There are cases where prolonged family illness or accident have created financial problems which have so involved active pastors that their futures appear doomed. Often in such situations financial aid of a few hundred dollars provided at the right time could keep men in the ministry or prevent them from becoming so discouraged that their ministries are impaired.

A fund might be started of money received through bequests and designated for this purpose. The income from a fund of half a million dollars would go a long way toward caring for the most needy cases.

At the present time our ministers are faced with a decision involving Social Security. Each one has the period of January 1, 1956, through March 31, 1957, to decide what he will do. Since ministers are included on the basis of voluntary self-employment, the decision must be made by the minister and not by the church. The church will continue to express its concern for the ministry through the Pension Plan. The minister alone can decide whether or not he will add the benefits of Social Security.

Men who may retire within the next five years should register their decision during the first quarter of 1956. In this time they will secure a Social Security number, sign the waiver, and pay the 3 per cent tax on the first $4,200 of cash income received for ministerial service in 1955. The men who do not face retirement for more than five years may delay their decisions until the first quarter of 1957. Since six quarters, or eighteen months, is necessary before any protection exists, it may be unwise to delay.

Retired Minister May Benefit

Even the minister who is already retired may secure the benefits of Social Security. If he receives from ministerial service and pays the tax on $400 or more for each of 1955 and 1956, he may draw retirement income. If our churches will use the retired men for ad interim service, for Sundays when the pastor is absent from the pulpit, or for special short-term projects in evangelism, stewardship or church school enlargement, most of these men could earn sufficient income from ministerial service to qualify. The pensions of many of these men were accrued on the low salaries of the 30's and early 40's. Needless to say, even with supplemental money their pensions are insufficient in these days of increased costs. A few dollars invested now in ad interim or special service may mean a return of thousands of dollars to these retired ministers.

Twenty-five years passes quickly. The trustees and staff are grateful for the way God has led them in this matter of caring for the ministry. Pensions are no longer insignificant; each year they grow larger. We look forward in confidence to the day when every minister may be honorably cared for in his later years.

At right is shown a group of employees who have worked with the Pension Fund since its beginning in 1931. From left to right, Miss Alyce Mercer, Mrs. Helen Jackson Bart, Miss Ruth Risinger, Miss Ruth B. Nevill, Mrs. Dorothy Eggerding, Miss Maxine Chapman, Gerould Prewitt, treasurer, and Harmon Pritchard, actuary.

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The touring group of ten American Disciples of Christ arrives at the Tokyo airport on the first world missions tour sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society. Friends of Charles O. McAfee, only man in the group, kidded him about going "Around the World with Nine Women." Mr. and Mrs. McAfee are at left foreground with Miss Katherine Schutze, tour director, shown between them, farther back. Leaving Los Angeles, the party visited sixteen countries, plus Pacific islands, in the two-month trek during which they observed Christian outreach in out-of-the-way places.

Missions on and off Beaten Paths

By J. EDWARD MOSELEY

WE could accomplish lots more on the mission fields if we had organic Christian union" declared Charles O. McAfee of Macon, Georgia, candy-manufacturer layman of First Christian Church there, in telling of his encouragement with the ecumenical approach. "But since we are just planting the seed, we must be patient and have faith for results," he added.

He and his wife Lucy, interviewed at the Indianapolis home of his sister, Mrs. Homer W. Fortson, had just returned from a two-months' world mission tour, the first sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society, that took them to sixteen countries and some islands of the Pacific. Stops included such places as Honolulu, Tokyo, Osaka, Manila, Laoag, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Nakon Pathom, Sam Yek, Bilaspur, Pendra Road, Jabalpur, Beirut, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Rome, Geneva, Paris and London.

After leaving the party in London, the McAfees rented an automobile and drove to Edinburgh and Glasgow before returning to the United States.

Mrs. McAfee, just as enthusiastic about the trip as was her husband, said they enjoyed Christian fellowship everywhere they went. "It is," they claimed, "one of the finest things of Christianity." They discovered that language is no barrier. They met many persons with Georgia relatives and friends.

The two-hour World Day of Prayer observance in a military chapel in Tokyo, the world's third largest city, was an outstanding experience. Another was a brief noon service in the plain chapel of the Ecumenical Institute at Celigny, near Geneva.

The global-trekking McAfees were gone from home three months, joining the tour party in Los Angeles. The ten members, including Miss Katherine Schutze, tour director, were commissioned "Ambassadors for Christ" by Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice-president of The United Christian Missionary Society. Departure on February 20, via Pan-American World Airways, followed orientation, then worship and communion, with several races participating, in All People's Christian Church.

The youngest member of the group was thirty-five years old, while the oldest was seventy. The party included the following: Miss Helen G. Burke, teacher, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Sarah E. Clark, retired,

Ventura, California; Mrs. Earle E. Cowin, fruit rancher, Wapato, Washington; Mrs. Virden Mabry, homemaker, Beaumont, Texas; Mrs. Mary E. Nelson, homemaker, Creston, Washington; Mrs. Idalene M. Raab, librarian, Oakland, California; Mrs. June E. Stanley, retired, Indianapolis; the McAfees, and Miss Schutze, tour director who is national director of business women's groups for the United Society.

Each member had for each country a guide book that included meditations prepared by Mrs. Charles F. Bailey of Ballinger, Texas. Mr. McAfee kept a daily log. Lucy McAfee wrote lengthy letters back home that were then mimeographed for relatives and friends. Mrs. Mabry wrote reports for the *Beaumont Journal*. The McAfees took about 2,000 feet of movies and 700 slides in color. They expect to show these as their time and schedules permit.

Trip Strengthened Faith

This trip strengthened the faith of the McAfees in the ecumenical church and the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ. This optimism, he said, is based on "Christian faith and because of the quality of leadership in all of our American missionaries and their deep sense of loyalty, consecration, and dedication to the cause, plus the quality of leadership in most of the national Christian leaders." Mrs. McAfee concluded that "if all church members in the States could see the missionaries on the mission field, there would be much better response to their needs."

Mr. McAfee explained, in answer to a question from a national in the Philippines, that the tourists were visiting the mission fields not because their expenses were paid by any church board (as some nationals thought!), but because they were interested in the world outreach of the church and wanted to broaden their Christian understanding. (The McAfees have become so concerned about missions that they expect to continue their education next April as members of the Latin American tour commemorating a half century of Disciple work in Argentina.)

In the Takhatpur area of India, the McAfees observed the Abundant Life Program of technical assistance under the direction of Dr. Samuel and Mary Maqbul-Masih. One phase of this modern mission is literacy work and the McAfees visited a rural village to learn some results. Their experience illustrates the primitive conditions surrounding the need and suggests the humor and pathos facing Christian witnesses in that land.

Describing the incident, Lucy McAfee wrote that they turned off the main road and drove across an area with no road or path. After two miles they reached the village. There were no lights except in one small bamboo shack which had two or three lanterns. There men and boys, after working all day, gathered to learn to read and write. Each had a primer and a slate. They read a few words which sounded like a first grader reading "I see a dog." Then they wrote on their slates. "They were all just as proud as could be," she reported.

Since that school started in January, 1954, more than three hundred persons have been taught to read and write by the principle of "Each one teach one" advocated by Dr. Frank Laubach.

Got Lost

"After leaving school," Mrs. McAfee continued, they "got lost on the way back to the main road, unable to find a place to cross the dry river bed. It was dark as pitch." But there were no flashlights in their possession. A small boy, sent to the village, soon obtained help. With right directions, the party was crossing the river bed when the jeep had a flat tire. When the seven persons got out they learned that the jack would not work. Mrs. McAfee described their worries thus:

"They had just told us the day before at Pendra Road that there was a man-eating tiger in that vicinity who had eaten four persons and the last one was the grandmother of missionary Kenneth Bonham's yard boy. I could just see the headlines in the *Macon Telegraph:* 'Tiger Eats Macon Grandmother in India.'"

"It was a wonderful sight," she continued, "to see that big group from the village returning with a lantern. They saw the jeep lights after we stopped and came back to see what the trouble was. It was a good

Disciples of Christ in Laoag in the Philippines greet the tourists at the church entrance. Left to right, Miss Helen G. Burke, Attorney Mencenslao Agnir, Mrs. Agnir, Mrs. Sarah E. Clark, Juan F. Santos (Laoag pastor), Mrs. June E. Stanley, Mrs. Santos, and Mrs. Virden Mabry. During their stay in the Philippines they also attended a service of baptism at Laoag.

—Photo by Norwood Tye

The mission tourists visited the Nakon Pathom hospital in Thailand. Left to right, C. O. McAfee; Frances (Mrs. John) Sams, missionary born at Milledgeville, Georgia, which is also the birthplace of Mrs. McAfee; Mrs. Idalene Raab, and Dr. H. T. Chen, mission hospital superintendent.

—Photo by Dr. Chek-ling

thing, for the jack would not work. They just picked up the rear of the jeep and held it until the tire was changed."

Their rugged Indian sojourn convinced the McAfees that the churches and the United Nations are doing much for India. Yet they realize the difficulties inherent in the task when about eighty-five per cent of the Indians cannot read or write.

The tour party saw Disciple work and the many phases of a united missionary program as well as famous structures like the Royal Palace and the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok, the Taj Mahal in India and St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. They had brief contact in Honolulu and Karachi with Mrs. James D. Wyker and the international team of touring church women.

In Japan the group shared in ground-breaking ceremonies for a new church building at Izumi-Sano near Osaka. In Tokyo they interviewed Kagawa—taking movies of him while he played with children—and officials of the United Church. They worshiped in the gym of the Boys' School where everybody stood during the entire service because the chapel was destroyed by fire last year.

"It Breaks Your Heart"

"It just breaks your heart," they decided after observing the plight of the million refugees in Hong Kong, now a city of 2,500,000 population, and another million in tragic circumstances near Jerusalem, in Jordan. Yet they were encouraged by what Church World Service is doing for refugees in the grim battle with crowded conditions and frightful poverty. "It is hard for us to realize such poverty as they live in," said Mrs. McAfee. Refugees in the Jordan camps, for instance, receive $1.50 per person for food a month from the United Nations.

Mr. McAfee celebrated his birthday, March 15, in Thailand, where the missionaries have a difficult task because "people seem to be satisfied with the Buddhist religion." Visits to the mission work there included a trip to Sam Yek, an outpost fifteen miles and about nine thousand bumps by chartered bus from Nakon Pathom, center of this united mission program.

Their twelve-day stay in India was disrupted slightly by dysentery. Every member of the group suffered with it. They heard much commendation of Nehru, "doing the best he can for his people," despite the poor impression of him given at times by the American press. The McAfees agree that a "crying need for India is plenty of pure drinking water."

The American couple decided that the tension between Arabs and Jews in Palestine is more religious than political "which seems to make it so hard to settle." During eight days in the Holy Land they were impressed by the development of Israel, but they recognized that the loss of homes and property by Arabs is not justified. "Jewish guides in Israel admitted the problems," Mr. McAfee stated.

Walked Where Jesus Walked

In the Holy Land during Holy Week the phrase "I walked today where Jesus walked" kept going through their minds. So the ten Disciples of Christ made the most of that rare privilege. On Palm Sunday, for instance, they sat opposite the Mount of Olives and watched the processional of perhaps ten thousand people commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into the city. They walked, too, in the Garden of Gethsemane. Later, in the imposing Jerusalem Y.M.C.A., they met Herbert L. and Marcella Minard who direct the program work. They formerly served in China. A Disciple minister, he is a former editor of *Front Rank*.

A private Maundy Thursday communion was celebrated in Tel Aviv with Mr. McAfee presiding at the Lord's Table. They used brass cups from India, unleavened bread, and wine made from grapes grown in the Holy Land. The tourists worshiped, too, with congregations in Honolulu, the Tokyo slums, at Laoag in the Philippine mountains, in Nakon Pathom where the message was given in Thai and Chinese, in Bilaspur late on a Sunday afternoon when it was cooler, atop Jerusalem's Claridge Hotel overlooking the city and the Mount of Olives, in a Waldensian church in Rome, and with the British Churches of Christ. Everywhere they realized anew the faith that binds Christians together in love.

Mrs. Samuel Maqbul-Masih enters the Disciples church in Takhatpur, India, where Yusaf Nath is pastor and where the installation service was held. This church stands as a symbol of Christian work in the area. Mrs. Masih, with her husband, is a director of the Abundant Life Program of village uplift.

Indian Christians Assume New Duties

By KENNETH L. POTEE*

IN December, 1954, Yusaf Nath Kosaria was installed as circle pastor of the Takhatpur area in India. Yusaf Nath is pastor of the Takhatpur church but at this service he assumed in addition an even larger responsibility; as circle pastor he will be in charge of the evangelistic work of a group of small churches around Takhatpur.

The story behind that installation service, shown here in pictures, sets forth in capsule form a whole chapter in the history of the growth and development of the Christian church in India. This development includes many changes both in individuals, and in mission policies.

The unfolding of a Christian character and personality is exemplified in the life of the newly installed pastor. Mrs. Mary E. McGavran, Disciples of Christ missionary to India now on furlough in the United States, tells the story of Yusaf Nath's childhood.

He lived in a village which was suspected of being the headquarters of a gang of clever thieves. The suspected families were put under police surveillance and subjected to intense grilling without success. Finally the police came to the Disciples of Christ mission station and proposed that the mission take over the entire group, after baptizing them, and assume responsibility for them. The villagers themselves were worn out by police harassment and concluded that their only safety lay in becoming Christians.

Mrs. McGavran continues, "When the day of baptism came, one of the village elders said to Yusaf, 'Go hide

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LEFT, M. Scott, chairman of the Takhatpur church council, reads the Bible lesson during the installation service while Yusaf Nath kneels in front of the platform. On the platform, behind Mr. Scott, is Disciples missionary Herman M. Reynolds, present in his capacity as chairman of the evangelistic committee. The entire service, planned and conducted by Indian Christians, indicates that the church in India today is a maturing church advancing under its own trained leadership.

Disciples of Christ in Takhatpur Install Yusaf Nath as Circle Pastor to Lead Work of Evangelism

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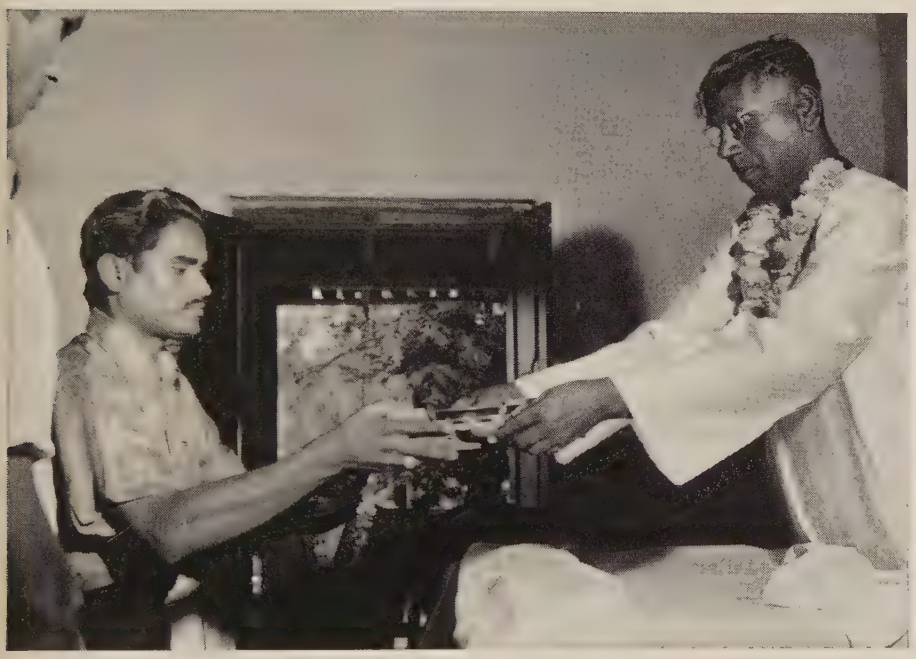

ABOVE, church leaders lay their hands on the shoulders of Yusaf Nath during the dedicatory prayer. Since this was not an ordination service, hands were laid on the shoulder of the candidate rather than on his head. From left to right, surrounding Yusaf Nath, are Herman M. Reynolds, Disciples missionary; Dr. Philip James of Mungeli, representing the lay leadership of the church; Kenneth L. Potee, Disciples missionary and secretary-treasurer of the Mission; Nathaniel Peters, secretary of the Convention of Churches; Samuel Maqbul-Masih, director of the Abundant Life Program, and G. Samuel, former secretary of the convention.

ABOVE, wearing a congratulatory garland, the newly installed circle pastor hands the bread and wine to the elders as he conducts the service of communion.

RIGHT, after the installation Mrs. Herman Reynolds, Disciples missionary, chats with Kenneth Potee and Mr. and Mrs. Shushil Sadhu. The Sadhus are college trained and have grown up in the church. At present they are serving as directors of the agricultural extension program in Takhatpur. Mr. Sadhu is the son of B. Sadhu, an outstanding leader and pastor for several years of the Mungeli church.

Age and Experience Count Most

BECAUSE of their age, experience and ability, many of those who retire from the ministry continue to lead busy and fruitful lives of service. At the end of 1954 there were 506 aged-retired persons receiving benefits from the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ. Most, but not all, were Christian ministers. A brief look into the lives of a few typical Disciples pensioners will show how they are living and what they are doing.

The Pension Fund began to operate in January, 1931. If the plan had been launched ten years before, or earlier, those now retiring would have had thirty-five or more years to earn more adequate pensions.

Present incomes of the retired pensioners, as with all people in all times, vary. Even so, how do they manage to live? Do they own homes or other property? Do they live with their children? What are they doing to keep busy and useful in the service of Christ? How are they meeting present inflated costs of living? No ministerial pension, however adequate, is sufficient for all necessary living expenses of a retired couple.

Pensioners Answer Questions

Answers to questions concerning this retired age group were received from several typical pensioners, a random selection of seven couples, who were interrogated. One couple, Hugh and Elsie Lomax, of Portland, Oregon, are shown in some retirement activities. In addition, an indication of what the seven couples are doing and how they are managing, follows. All are busy with useful activities that belie their years, and all have a livelihood from several sources. Not all were identified with the 1919 Pension System (closed to membership in 1928), but those who were are in somewhat better financial condition with $250 guaranteed annual pension from this source. Some receive a supplemental gift pension so as to bring the total pension up to a minimum of $50 per month.

"We have found our retirement," said J. David Arnold of Manhattan, Kansas, "to be a very interesting and a very happy time." Both he and his wife enjoy good health. Retired at the end of September, 1951, ad-interim pastorates have kept him busy and paid him adequately. These included First Churches of Springfield, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia, and Tyler, Texas; Country Club Church, Kansas City, Missouri; and, at present, First Church, Omaha, Nebraska. The Arnolds own their Manhattan home and receive a pension of $1,008.36 annually from the Pension Fund. Other sources of income make their receipts adequate for their needs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haskell, retired missionaries to China, reside near Tucson, Arizona. They had a total income of $2,977 last year. He was a member of the 1919 Pension System; and with a supplemental pension from The United Christian Missionary Society, receives an annual pension of $1,800. His retirement became effective on April 4, 1955. He has done part-time bookkeeping. They own their home, raise chickens and rabbits, and have a small garden.

S. S. Lappin, minister-at-large, of Bedford, Indiana, long ago decided that retirement at sixty-five is "not only a mistake but an injustice." He was two years past retirement age when he concluded his ministry in Pittsburgh in 1937. He has been busy preaching since and completed sixty-five years in the ministry on May 20, 1955, "more than half the time at pains to live on the scant income." His pension, including a supplemental gift portion (not permanently assured since it depends on "gift money"), totals $600 a year. "Railroad men and others near me have retirement income of three times that amount after half the years of service," he says. "The Pension Fund did not get here in time," for men of his age, he adds, "and is not yet sufficiently supported."

When Owen and Lucile Livengood began ad-interim ministerial labor, they sold their home furnishings, and owning no property, were free to respond to any call, irrespective of location, for a full-fledged pastorate. Churches have willingly paid them the regular pastoral salary. This helps to keep contributions at normal levels and provides the Livengoods with necessary in-

Left to right, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lappin, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moon, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCallum.

Myron C. Cole, minister of First Christian Church of Portland, Oregon, calls on Hugh L. Lomax, right, retired ministerial friend, after his return home from surgery in a Portland hospital this past summer. Mr. Lomax followed Dr. Cole's father, Dr. Clifford A. Cole, now of Los Angeles, in a pastorate with First Christian Church of Abilene, Kansas, in 1913.

—Photo by Larry Smith from Black Star

come. After rigid economies, they came to retirement with less than $3,000 and no property. Their ad-interim salary, plus pensions since November 1, 1949, enables them to add to their savings each month. The savings are in the Additional Benefits Account of the Pension Fund where they draw three per cent interest. Their total pension, including that of the 1919 Pension System, and a small supplemental gift portion, totals $849.96 annually. They are both in excellent health. They have seldom been without a pastorate during fifteen years of ad-interim ministry. Until July 1 last, they were with West End Christian Church, Danville, Virginia. They have found age and experience to be great assets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCallum retired on March 1, 1953, taking up residence at Carrollton, Kentucky, Mrs. McCallum's old home, in a house more than one hundred years old given to them by her parents. Her mother, eighty-nine years old, lives with the McCallums, and he has had to decline ad-interim pastoral work. He has done ad-interim preaching near Carrollton. His pension, including the portion from the 1919 Pension System, is $1,586.40 annually. It, of course, is based on his pre-inflation salary. Present inflated costs make it inadequate for their needs. His long-time hobby has been carpentry, so they invested $2,500 of their savings and months of his labor on improvements and maintenance of their old house. In addition to his pension, their annual income averages $1,000 from preaching and $780 from rental property. Medical expense averages about $25 a month and he warns that "the added medical expense incident to age should not be overlooked in thinking of pensioners."

Mr. and Mrs. O. Livengood and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haskell.

Another couple of retired missionaries—since July 1, 1953—is E. R. and Bessie L. Moon of Springfield, Oregon. Their total annual pension—including that from the 1919 Pension System, a supplement from the United Society and a gift portion—amounts to $1,800. In addition, they receive small amounts totaling slightly over $200 from a mortgage and pasture rent. Occasional supply preaching, limited since his break in health two years ago, totaled $75 last year. He is stronger now and preaches more often. Thus their income totaled nearly $2,100 for the year. They own their own home, free of debt, and have a garden. They have been managing "very well" on their income, are "happily situated," and are active in the Springfield First Church.

After owning homes elsewhere, Hugh and Elsie Lomax purchased their present home at 1635 Northeast 53rd Avenue in Portland, Oregon, a year ago. They concluded an ad-interim ministry with First Christian Church, Nampa, Idaho, last spring. They then returned to Portland where he underwent surgery and accepted a call for ad-interim service from the Wallowa, Oregon, church after refusing two similar calls.

His annual pension, including the amount from the 1919 Pension System, totals $1,104.96. Income from a farm averages $800 or more a year, and interest on savings another $400. This total of $2,304.96 was increased last year by salary for ad-interim work. Thus they are able to continue saving for the inevitable "rainy days" ahead.

Hugh Lomax retired first in 1945, then returned to

In front of their Portland home, Mrs. Hugh L. Lomax, standing, before entering the automobile, talks with her daughter, Ruth (Mrs. E. D.) Lawrence, seated, and husband, E. D. Lawrence. The Lawrences are public school teachers. The other Lomax daughter, Louise (Mrs. J. Edward) Moseley, is the director of interpretation for The United Christian Missionary Society.

—Photo by Larry Smith from Black Star

active service in pastorates at Fabens, Texas, and Waitsburg, Washington. He retired the second time on August 1, 1954. During active membership in the Pension Fund, with the exception of about four years, he paid all or a part of the church's portion of the dues. This was considered a wise way of saving; otherwise, the present pension would be much smaller.

A native of Mitchell County, Kansas, Hugh Latimer Lomax was one of five graduates, fifty years ago this year, of Cotner College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Two classmates still living are Stephen J. Epler, Brooklyn, Iowa, and Manson E. Miller, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other well-known ministers in college with these men included Cleveland Kleihauer, Harry G. Knowles, Clarence F. Swander, and the late Bert Wilson and Floyd A. Bash. In 1904, at Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Lomax won second place in the National Intercollegiate Prohibition Oratorical Contest in which there were three contestants. John H. Booth of Drake University, later associated nearly four decades with the Board of Church Extension, won third place.

Completed Work at Cotner College

Elsie Lomax, born in a sod house at Miller, South Dakota, completed her college work at Cotner while rearing two daughters, Louise and Ruth, and was graduated in 1925. She studied with Virgil and Florence Sly, Henry and Helen Harmon, Harold and Golda Fey, W. G. and Peg Moseley, and the Misses Mayble M. Epp and Mary Ellen White. Married in 1903, the Lomaxes studied during 1907-08 at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky. In 1912 he studied sociology in The University of Chicago.

The first sermon that Hugh Lomax preached, fifty-eight years ago on June 20, 1897, was at Ashland, Nebraska. He began regular student preaching at Highland Center Community Church, Gage County, Nebraska, on May 12, 1901. Outstanding among his pastorates were Highland, Kansas (twice), Abilene, Kansas, and the Budd Park Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He served ten years (1919-1929) as field representative of Cotner College and during that time assisted in the Kansas-Nebraska Movement and endowment crusades for Cotner, Transylvania and The College of the Bible, Hiram College, and Phillips University. He helped raise funds to launch the Pension Fund. He has preached in fifteen revivals with 400 additions, has baptized 877 persons, and has performed 288 marriages during his ministry.

Adamant supporters of the principle of cooperation in Disciples affairs, the Lomaxes attended their first International Convention of Disciples of Christ at Omaha in 1902. Their last was in 1953 in Portland. He has attended twenty of the assemblies, she nine, across the years. He was president of the 1938 Nebraska

Hugh Lomax works on the roof of the Waitsburg, Washington, manse just before his fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1953.

—Photo by Louise Moseley

—Photo by Larry Smith from Black Star

Studying a model of Solomon's Temple made by John G. Alber of Lincoln, Nebraska, Hugh Lomax prepares for a lecture.

Convention and served on the Nebraska state board, 1931-38. For thirty consecutive years, 1924-1953, he taught in young people's summer conferences in six states. A. McLean and many missionaries have been guests in the Lomax home. Since 1908, Hugh and Elsie Lomax, practicing what they preached, have been consistent tithers of their income.

The longest ad-interim ministry of Hugh Lomax was his first, with the Uvalde, Texas, Church. One of Elsie Lomax's busiest and most enjoyable years was 1946 when she was president of the United Council of Church Women in San Antonio where the family then resided. The Council included women of thirty-nine congregations from eight denominations. She has made slow recovery from an automobile accident that injured both of them in Texas in 1950. He has undergone surgery several times since his first retirement but has recovered satisfactorily each time. He continues to pursue a life-long hobby of practicing legerdemain. Baking pastries is one of her favorite pastimes.

When the Lomaxes concluded their ad-interim ministry at Nampa, Idaho, Mrs. Martha Lyda, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, paid tribute to them in these words: "We never cease to marvel at the enthusiasm and ability displayed by them towards the work of the church and the community. We feel they have been very good for our church, as they are so calm and peaceful to have around and have been a good influence for us all. May God bless them in their sunset days of life as they have been a great help to many in their lifetime."

Their ministry has been characterized by courage in facing handicaps, in bucking opposition, and in considering the needs of others. They, and numerous other retired pensioners, are convinced that preparation for retirement should begin before middle-age creeps up, since old age may last a long time. These busy days, however, they do not worry needlessly about tomorrow because they realize that there cannot be any absolute security in this life.

In the photo below, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lomax, retired ministerial couple, are shown in the living room of their home in Portland, Oregon. They are visiting with their daughter, Ruth, and her husband—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lawrence—seated at left in photo.

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WORLD CALL

If the nation is to be saved from religious illiteracy and its poisons

The Church Must Teach Effectively

By JAMES L. MERRELL

EACH time the clock ticks off eight seconds there is another baby born in the United States. Every twelve seconds there is another *net addition* to the nation's growing population. The high birth rate together with the longer life expectancy of Americans should raise the total number of inhabitants from 165 to 200 million in the next twenty years.

This fact points out one reason that churches today are thinking more seriously about the effectiveness of their teaching ministry. Confronted by the rising tides of population, they realize that they must make a greater impact upon the lives of people now and in the twenty years ahead. It is not alone a matter of fulfilling the Great Commission to go and teach; it is an urgent matter of saving people from religious illiteracy and the poison it spreads.

Year of Christian Education

To help the churches develop the kind of teaching programs the times demand, Disciples of Christ have set aside 1955-56 as the Year of Christian Education in the Long Range Program. It will be a year in which the local church will examine its teaching program and try to improve it. In a larger view it will be a year in which Disciples hope that every church will become a teaching church—an instrument through which persons learn of God and grow toward Christian maturity.

"This isn't something new; in emphasizing Christian education Disciples are merely throwing the spotlight on a function that has been basic to the church."

This is the judgment of George Oliver Taylor, executive secretary of the department of religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society. Dr. Taylor, whose department has had major responsibility for getting the Year of Christian Education under way, adds that the church which fails to teach—and teach well—eventually renders itself an ineffective instrument in the spread of the gospel.

Five goals have been set for the year. Churches will be endeavoring to increase their church school enrollment and attendance 20 per cent during the year. Second, they will be working to attract and teach boys and girls with vacation-time activities such as vacation church schools and day camps. Third, they will try to enlist 20 per cent of their resident membership in leadership training programs.

Key to Effective Program

"This third goal," says Dr. Taylor, "is the key to the whole success of a teaching ministry." He points out that churches should be developing long-range teacher training programs in order to set higher standards and to make it easier to recruit leaders. When leaders know that they aren't going to be placed in a position without being given careful preparation, he adds, they are more willing to assume responsibility.

A fourth goal set for the year deals with the relationship of the church and the home. Congregations will emphasize Christian family life and ideals through a continuing program of projects and observances reaching out to the home. Fifth, in order to encourage their students' growth in the Christian life, churches will be seeking to maintain active contact with them while they are away in college.

Whether churches meet these goals depends upon careful planning and cooperative effort. A good teaching program cannot be wished into existence during the next nine months.

Whole Congregation Involved

"The whole congregation has to begin by looking at its own Christian education program," Dr. Taylor says. "The people of the congregation ought to appraise the situation and then, if certain necessary things aren't being done, they ought to ask, 'Why not?' " In many churches this phase of the program will be carried out through a congregational meeting some time in September.

A meeting of this nature to start the year has been suggested because education is the responsibility of all the members of the church. Officials—minister, education committee and boards—take the initiative, but those serving elsewhere in the church have a stake in what happens and ultimately bear the responsibility for carrying out the program.

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The Local Church Emphasis—

The Long Range Program of Disciples of Christ for the decade of the 1950's has a local church emphasis and a world outreach emphasis for each year. The local church emphasis sponsors services to the local church. It prepares plans and programs as assistance to the churches in their efforts to become more effective units in the Christian enterprise. For 1955-56 the local church emphasis is "Our Church, a Teaching Church." The observance of this emphasis is under the direction of the division of Christian education of The United Christian Missionary Society. In 1956-57 both outreach and local church emphases will deal with the ministry.

In the face of great changes in American life, present and future,

Disciples Seek a Strategy

By WILLARD M. WICKIZER*

THE Long Range Program outreach emphasis—"Our Church in a Changing America"—is an emphasis that is different. It has no goals as other emphases have had. It is not directed to a single program phase. It involves the local church but it is not limited to it. It is concerned primarily with what is happening in the United States and Canada as regards population increase, mobility and economic, social and cultural changes, and it is concerned with the implications of these changes for the church and its home missionary agencies. Its end point is the development of intelligent strategy for the future.

Living in Dynamic Age

We are living in a dynamic age! Nothing is quite so apparent as change. The population of the United States increased by more than 19 million between 1940 and 1950, and it is estimated that it will reach the 200 million mark by 1975. Twenty per cent of our people move each year, and one fourth of these move across state lines.

There are other facts which are indicative of the present situation in the United States. The birth rate is on the increase, and at the same time our nation has a larger percentage of elderly people in it with each passing year. A larger percentage of women are now gainfully employed. There is an increasing percentage of men and women in the nation who are either divorced or widowed. More young people are going to college. The economic status of the average family continues to rise. The process of urbanization continues at an accelerated rate. The secularization of life continues to grow.

All of this growth and all of these changes are bound to have a profound effect upon the church enterprise in America. The church cannot be the one unchanging factor in an otherwise dynamic society.

Many Churches Will Be Affected

Many congregations will find it necessary to close their doors for they will discover that their parishioners have moved off and left them. If not this, many congregations will at least find that they are ministering to few people living in parishes that are definitely decadent. Some will find their physical facilities, which have been adequate for years, totally inadequate because of the increased number of children and young people in the community. Others will find the average age of their church members greatly increased, so that their primary problem is not one of religious education but rather that of a ministry to mature and older people. Some churches will be forced to move to new parishes, while others will find it necessary to modify their program and facilities to meet the needs of a radically changed parish.

Small cities that have been adequately ministered to by a single strong congregation will discover that a second or even a third congregation is imperative if the Christian witness is to be adequately continued in their communities. Larger cities, especially the increasing number of large metropolitan areas, will discover that there are large unchurched areas within their boundaries, especially at the fringe. The growing practice of desegregation is not likely to lessen the need for specialized ministeries to racial and cultural groups.

More Churches Will Be Needed

More churches will be needed in America. If the population increases to 200 million by 1975 as predicted, there will be need for at least 100,000 new churches by that date. If Disciples of Christ maintain their ratio of churches to population, they will have to establish 4,000 new congregations by 1975. This is at the rate of approximately 200 a year, whereas currently Disciples are establishing between 40 and 50 a year.

In facing the problem of a greatly stepped up program of church establishment, Disciples must be aware not only of the financial involvements of such an expansion, but equally of the demands that will be made upon them for ministerial supply. Currently neither the recruitment emphasis nor the seminary facilities of the churches are adequate to supply the number of trained ministers that will be required.

All signs point to the fact that mobility of popula-

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The Outreach Emphasis—

The outreach emphasis of Disciples of Christ represents the ministries through the home church beyond the local area. It provides information to the church concerning the work of Christ at home and abroad. It provides channels through which the churches may function on the world level. Disciples have fostered agencies to administer on behalf of the churches the outreach causes of Christ and his church. For 1955-56 the world outreach emphasis is "Our Church in a Changing America." State missions, the Board of Church Extension, and the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society share sponsorship.

tion will continue. This means that most congregations will have to achieve a larger rate of evangelistic inflow just to break even. But it means something else; it means that as a brotherhood Disciples must become more concerned with the member who moves and not just dismiss him from their minds and their concern. They must follow him in an effort to re-relate him to the church in the community to which he has moved. Currently we are carrying almost 300,000 church members on our non-resident rolls. This must not be allowed to increase, but rather through concerted effort be decreased. Not in the lifetime of anyone now living are we likely to see a stability of population that will make the member-who-moves an insignificant problem for the church in America.

Meaning of Emphasis

But what does "Our Church in a Changing America" emphasis have to do with all of this? It faces the problem head on. It calls on local churches, city church associations, county groups of churches and state missionary societies to study the situation in which they are currently involved, to discover and evaluate the factors that are at work to produce changes in the future, and then to project a broad strategy for meeting the changed and changing conditions.

Extensive studies at the national level have been made and are being released to the churches of Disciples of Christ as background material. Much of this material can be broken down to the individual state level and will be available to state study and strategy committees. County and city groups of churches interested in making studies and projecting a strategy will find help available from state and national Disciples staff persons. A carefully prepared instrument is available for local congregations desiring to study their past and present with a view of projecting themselves effectively into the future.

Manifestly all that needs to be done cannot be accomplished in a single year, but a beginning can be made in 1955-56. A beginning can be made during this year of special emphasis, and the good work begun can then be pursued until it can truthfully be said that Disciples of Christ and their congregations possess a real strategy for the future.

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leaders is a suggested program for the period from this September to June, 1956.

The regular educational observances which have been a part of the Disciples of Christ calendar will take on new meaning this year. Traditional Christian Education Week from September 25-October 1 will be the week of launching for the year's emphasis. During this week churches will hold their congregational meetings to present the aims and goals of the year.

Other special observances during the year are Christian Literature Week, October 30-November 6; Student Recognition Sunday, January 1; Youth Week, January 29-February 5; and Christian Family Week, May 6-12.

An Achievement Day is scheduled for June 15, 1956, as a time for churches to note their gains in Christian education and to begin a program to conserve them.

Self-study Essential

"Self-study is essential to the success of the Year of Christian Education," Dr. Taylor points out in discussing this phase of the emphasis program. Through tools provided by the department of religious education, a local congregation can readily discover the mistakes and weaknesses of its teaching ministry and evaluate its total program of education. The procedure of evaluation consists in placing the local church and its program alongside the standard set for the year.

If the Year of Christian Education is a success in the local church, an important contributing factor will be the program of "special projects" that is carried out during the next nine months.

One of the special projects is the emphasizing of the teaching aspects of such special days as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and other significant days.

"Educational evangelism is another phase of the emphasis that we can't overlook," Dr. Taylor reminds Disciples. "Our teaching should lead persons to a total commitment to Christ; we must see that it does."

A third special project to be considered by the congregation is the school of missions, which is growing in popularity among Disciples of Christ. Another way in which churches may emphasize education during the year is through the pulpit. Ministers have many vital texts for sermons on the teaching ministry, Dr. Taylor says.

Educational Displays

"Every church should set up educational displays," Dr. Taylor states, in considering the final special project for the year. "If a church is looking for a striking way of presenting the goals of the year, it should by all means have an educational show window in some corner of the church where it will be seen by most of the members." He suggests books, audio-visual equipment, curriculum materials, and photographs of local activities as some of the materials to be used in the displays.

This year marks the anniversary of one turning point in church history. One hundred and seventy-five years ago Robert Raikes gathered boys from the streets of Gloucester, England, and began teaching them on Sundays. His work brought the teaching ministry back into prominence.

This year also may be a turning point for Disciples of Christ if they set high standards of religious education and try earnestly to meet them.

Mrs. Arnholter

For happy family living each person in the home must be allowed to enjoy

The Right to Privacy

By WYNNE ARNHOLTER*

RESPECT for individual privacy is an important ingredient in successful family living. Every person has private personal portions of his life into which he wants no intrusion. Each human being, young and old, wants at times to be alone with his thoughts.

Because it is easy to intrude into the private living of the members of our families without being aware of it, we should make ourselves sensitive to the acute areas of other persons' susceptibility.

Must Respect Personal Mail

Some rights for the privacy of others are easily recognized. It should be the rule of every family that one person does not open the personal mail of another. Sometimes wives or husbands unthinkingly disregard this inviolate right of their spouses. Parents sometimes without permission read letters sent to their children. During adolescence when boy-girl relationships are particularly sensitive, parents should respect the privacy of letters. It is always a violation of privacy to read another person's diary.

Every individual has the right of privacy in maintaining his personal belongings. Articles in his bureau drawers or desk are an individual's own and it is disregard for his privacy when another person rummages through them. It is an even greater violation of property rights for one member of a family to borrow an article belonging to another member without permission. Carelessness in using an article to which one member of a family attaches particular regard can give just cause for unhappy relationships.

Breaking into Conversations

In some families it is common practice to intrude into conversations. A father may break into a conversation between children, or a mother may make it a point to enter into a conference between the father and a child. Sometimes children interfere with marital harmony because they are permitted to enter into all conversation between a husband and wife. The sensitivity to refrain from breaking into a conversation between other members of the family is a part of respect of individual privacy.

Members of families are often rude and inconsiderate in regard to disrupting another person's enjoyment of a radio or television program. Such thoughtlessness as interrupting a person when he is reading or taking a nap can create tensions and misunderstandings.

Privacy in intimate personal activities such as dressing, bathing, or the use of the bathroom should be respected. Parents who may themselves be deeply sensitive about such matters may be completely unaware of similar sensitivity in their children.

Demands for privacy are apt to increase as children grow older. Some parents resent this increasing secretiveness and become suspicious that the child is being evasive because he is trying to conceal illicit activities. Some parents demand that their children leave the doors of their rooms open when they entertain friends. Other parents become offended if a boy or girl has secrets with friends. Yet it is a part of normal growth and personality development for children to seek their age mates as confidents rather than their parents. This tendency increases during adolescence.

In healthy personality development it is necessary for each individual to assert his own individual tastes and preferences. Each person should have the right, insofar as it is possible, to select the color, design and furnishings for his own personal room.

Child Should Choose Clothes

Each child should be given increasing latitude in the selection of his own clothes according to his individual tastes. As soon as he is able to make choices it is wise to allow a child to pick out his clothes within the limitations of the money to be spent. He should be obliged to abide by his selections, of course. If his taste is poor, it is better to provide opportunities for improvement than to limit his opportunity to select his own wearing apparel.

Individuals have the right to complete autonomy in forming their opinions. Healthy differences of opinion in one area need not be cause for disagreements in other vital family matters. Frank evaluation of opinion will usually bring unanimity without coercion unless one member maintains a divergent opinion as a tool of revolt from the group.

Privacy for his meditations is the right of every individual. While it is desirable for members of a family to have common attitudes and faiths, it is not wholesome for one member of a family to impose his individual beliefs upon another. In the innermost recesses of personality there must be a place for thoughts where each person can be alone. It is only in this way that he can maintain the integration of his own personality.

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Indian Christians

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in the guava orchard. We have to become Christian but you don't.' Yusaf went and hid. But Jennie V. Fleming, a Disciples missionary, stayed there for a week after the baptisms and during that week young Yusaf, a lad of perhaps ten, saw a vision of going off to school. He begged Miss Fleming to take him. She refused to take him in the middle of the school year.

"When her tonga (carriage) left, young Yusaf skipped out of the village and, a mile toward Takhatpur, joined the tonga and begged to be taken to school. Miss Fleming refused and went on. Yusaf followed begging, Miss Fleming refusing. This continued until Pendridih was reached. At this point Miss Fleming gave in, took the boy into the tonga and so to Mungeli."

Yusaf Nath went through grade school and had four years of Bible training at the Methodist Training School near Jabalpur. Mrs. McGavran says, "All the persistence which he showed in following the tonga is devoted to following up men and women who can be won. He bears a strong witness of saved life, redeemed in truth from the sort of life led by his fellow villagers."

This installation service, however, marked more than a changed life for one person. It also marked a change in mission policy.

Throughout the church in India, not only among Disciples but in every communion, there has come about in recent years a gradual shifting of responsibility for evangelistic work from the mission to the church.

Yusaf Nath, who for years served as an employed evangelist of the India Mission, has become pastor of the Takhatpur church, called and employed by the local congregation. Moreover, he has also assumed, as circle pastor, the leadership in the field of evangelistic work in the small villages surrounding Takhatpur. He is now responsible not to the mission but to the church, and it is the church which will guide and direct his efforts from now on.

What happened in Takhatpur was matched in three other centers. Dindayal Sukhnandan became circle pastor at Nawapara; Tularam Paul, at Amora; and Philemon Panna Lal, at Pendridih. In two crowded days a team representing both the mission and the church went from center to center for special installation services. The team was composed of Nathaniel Peters, present secretary of the Convention of Churches; G. Samuel, the former secretary; H. M. Reynolds, chairman of the evangelistic committee; K. L. Potee, secretary-treasurer of the mission, and Dr. Philip James, representing the lay leadership of the church.

Many members of the area followed the team about from church to church, enjoying the varied fellowship. After the services there was garlanding and congratulations for the newly dedicated pastor and his wife.

Throughout the solemn periods and the festive intervals we felt the conviction that the Indian church is taking on its shoulders the supervision and promotion of the evangelistic responsibility. The mission as the elder partner must continue to give financial support, but the church must furnish the leadership, both ordained and lay, for the supervision of the enterprise.

A HEADLINE in newspapers a year ago read, "Former King Farouk's Palace to House Baby Chicks." The story reported that Egyptian authorities had taken over the deposed monarch's home to care for some 25,000 baby chicks flown into the country by Heifer Project, Inc., for distribution among the farmers.

Now we read that the monarch of Thailand has turned over his royal swimming pool to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations to be used for a demonstration project for raising a hardy, fast breeding variety of fish known as "tilapia." Thousands of the fish had already been distributed free to the people of Thailand to stock their rice paddies so that they might raise meat and cereal together and thus improve their diet. The loan of the swimming pool as a demonstration center to popularize the idea shows both royal wisdom and royal concern.

CONGRESS was obliterated this past June by a direct atomic bomb hit and its work taken over by a military dictatorship during the government's civil defense "War Games." Congress seemed to sense no moral in this, however, and a week later under Presidential pressure the House of Representatives passed H.R. 7000—the so-called National Reserve Bill which in anybody else's language would be the U.M.T. bill. The reasoning of those who believe atomic war to be inevitable seems to be that the loss of life, destruction of facilities and disruption of order will be so great that only martial law can cope with the situation. Thus we vote a compulsory military reserve to take over.

That the bill itself will contribute greatly to increasing tension in the world at a time when we should be seeking ways to work toward world disarmament seems not to have concerned Congress at all.

SOME vague language is found in the Butler Bill, S-681, which would attempt to create a loyalty program for many if not most workers in private industry. At one place the wording of the bill is " . . . reasonable ground to believe that they may engage in sabotage, espionage, or other subversive acts."

This sort of language is on a par with that found in a number of other attempts at security regulation (for example in the McCarran-Walter Act) where decisions about employment, citizenship and military advancement rest upon someone's judgment as to whether someone else *at some future time* might possibly become a subversive.

What sort of a crystal ball the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice propose to use to determine whether there is *reasonable ground* to believe that a man may in some future time be a dangerous person we cannot imagine. Once upon a time to see within a man's soul was regarded as the prerogative of God. Now we discover that the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice are prepared to take on this responsibility.

Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, points to a map of the United States where flags show the location of the twelve Area Assemblies to be held this fall across the country. The assembly theme is "We Press On."

We Press On

Disciples of Christ Plan to Hold 12 Area Assemblies this Fall

By RALPH C. NEILL*

WITH the theme "We Press On" before them, Disciples of Christ this fall will come together in twelve great Area Christian Assemblies to stop, look and listen at mid-point in the Long Range Program launched five years ago.

The ten-year Long Range Program was begun through seventeen similar area assemblies in the fall of 1951. Since that time the Disciples of Christ have made tremendous strides in the areas of special emphases, including the Year of Higher Education, the Year of Stewardship, and the Year of Evangelism.

Now it is time to take a backward look at our accomplishments before continuing on toward the original objectives. As suggested by the planning committee, the purpose of the 1955 Area Christian Assemblies is fourfold: (1) to assess the successes which characterize the first half of the Long Range Program period; (2) to rejoice over the many achievements that have blessed us to date; (3) to stimulate the observance of the 1955-56 special Long Range Program emphases; (4) to reconsecrate ourselves to the Christian responsibilities that are ours.

Three teams of national, state and local leaders will bring the assembly program to four areas each. Each assembly will follow a similar pattern, lifting up the Long Range Program during the past five years and looking ahead to its conclusion in 1960. In addition, the assembly will give special attention to the two annual emphases for 1955-56—Our Church a Teaching Church and Our Church in a Changing America.

C. O. Hawley, executive secretary of Unified Promotion, will be the leader of Team No. 1 which will bring the assembly program to the following cities: Lynchburg, Virginia, September 25-27; Atlanta, Georgia, September 28-30; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2-4; and Cincinnati, Ohio, October 5-7.

Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention, will be the leader of Team No. 2 which will bring the assembly program to the following cities: St. Louis, Missouri, October 5-7; Omaha, Nebraska, October 9-11; Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 12-14; and Spokane, Washington, October 17-19.

Robert L. Lewis, assistant secretary of the International Convention, will lead Team No. 3 which will bring the assembly program to the following cities: Bakersfield, California, October 26-28; Wichita, Kansas, October 31-November 2; Fort Worth, Texas, November 2-4; and Memphis, Tennessee, November 6-8.

Miniature International Convention

Since, in a sense, the 1955 Area Christian Assemblies will bring the International Convention of Disciples of Christ to the nation in miniature form, the president and two vice-presidents of the convention will preside over each assembly. Riley B. Montgomery, president of the International Convention and president of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, will preside at the assemblies in Team No. 1. Mrs. Neal K. McGowan, vice-president of the International Convention and wife of the minister of West Side Christian Church, San Francisco, California, will preside over the assemblies in Team No. 2. Kelly O'Neall, vice-president of the International Convention and minister of Central Christian Church, Denver, Colorado, will preside over the assemblies in Team No. 3. Each will deliver a major address the second evening on the topic "We Are Able."

Three outstanding Disciple ministers will serve as guest speakers at each assembly and will deliver two addresses at the opening and closing sessions. The first

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address will be on the theme "We Press On." The concluding address will be on the theme "Power for the Task before Us."

Granville T. Walker, minister of University Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will be guest speaker for the assemblies in Team No. 1. Forrest L. Richeson, minister of Portland Avenue Christian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be guest speaker at the assemblies in Team No. 2. Edward S. Moreland, minister of Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be guest speaker at the assemblies in Team No. 3.

Each assembly will begin with an evening session on the first day and continue through the next two days, concluding with an evening session at the close of the third day.

Significant sessions will include a series of appraisal presentations concerning the Long Range Program to date to be brought by national, state and local personalities. Three workshops will be included in the program designed for Christian Women's Fellowships, Christian Men's Fellowships and ministers.

Considerable attention will be given to presentations and workshops dealing with the following major areas of the Long Range Program: Christian education, church development, world outreach, stewardship and the ministry. National agency executives will present the needs in these areas and propose suggested procedures to meet them. There will be ample opportunity for state and local leaders to participate in these sessions.

Laymen Will Serve as Chairmen

Persons from the local areas are assuming leadership in local arrangements. Competent laymen have undertaken to serve as chairmen of the local assemblies. Local ministers are assuming responsibilities as devotional leaders and as speakers summarizing the effectiveness of the assembly at the concluding session.

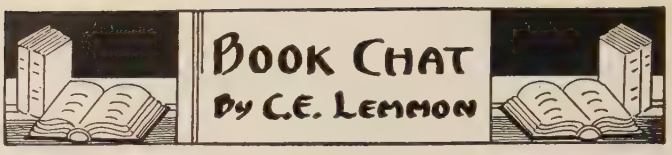
An outstanding layman will address each assembly on the topic "Lay Responsibility in the Church."

Who should attend these assemblies? The answer is simple: all interested Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) members—especially those persons in key leadership in the local church. Men, women and youth are urged to attend.

In addition to the primary purpose of the assemblies, i.e., to evaluate and project the Long Range Program, the Area Christian Assemblies will afford an opportunity to view the organized life of the Disciples of Christ. It will be a rare opportunity for local church members to hear and work with the leaders of our national brotherhood agencies.

The twelve Area Christian Assemblies have been scheduled to afford opportunity for each church member to attend one assembly. It is hoped that all will make a real effort to attend the one nearest them. Information regarding registration for each assembly will come from the local area registrar. Many churches will have their own local registrar.

At mid-point in the Long Range Program we need the full cooperation of every member in every church in our great brotherhood. As Disciples of Christ "We Press On."



THE Long Range Program of the Disciples of Christ calls for a year of Christian education beginning with this autumn season. This means that as a people we should seek to re-educate ourselves as church leaders and workers. An excellent procedure manual has been prepared. This manual makes many recommendations as to program making and suggests considerable reading material. Among the book suggestions is D. Campbell Wyckoff's *The Task of Christian Education.* In the beginning we might suggest that this book should be used as a training text by the leaders of the local church. The minister would do well to read it carefully and check off the ideas against his own experience. The book is too compact for popular reading and should be studied. As such it is an excellent overview of the factors in Christian education.

Many of us remember the big boom in religious education in the twenties. Church schools were growing, training classes were flourishing and educational buildings were being built. The experience-centered theories were to the fore. Then came the depression. The churches were cramped for funds, leadership was depleted and church schools began to fall away. Then followed a theological reorientation in which the basic concepts prevailing in the field of religious education were questioned. The debate was on as to the experience-centered program and the content-centered program. Dr. Wyckoff places his material against the background of these unsettling factors and suggests that there is no fundamental cleavage between the content-centered and the experience-centered curricula. He suggests that once more we are emerging with new enthusiasm and indeed with new opportunities in the work of Christian education.

The task of Christian education, Dr. Wyckoff holds, is to nurture our life in Christ. In doing this we need understanding of the place of religion in life, the importance of the Bible, the instrumentality of the church, and the importance of a guided search for truth. We need to see the place for divine initiative in this search. But here is man himself as the factor in this search. If he is to be guided he must be understood as a personality; hence we need to know what personality is, how it develops, how it becomes Christian and how Christian education can help. We will, of course, need tools such as curriculum, methods, fixed responsibility of educational procedure, and a clear vision of opportunities. All of these matters are brought into a compact synthesis in this excellent volume which could well serve as a basic study-review upon which to proceed with the Year of Christian Education.

THE Christian Imprint by Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson contains a series of five lectures on Christian education given recently at Emory University. While it is not as good a book as the Wyckoff volume from the educator's point of view, it is more stimulating because it was first delivered in lecture form and is, therefore, more dynamic in treatment. Bishop Corson's lectures are well informed, comprehensive and direct. The first lecture on "Whose Image?" is on the aims of Christian education; the second, "The Moulders," discusses the place of the leader and teacher and the train-

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U.S. Indian Policy Disturbs Mexicans

By VICTOR ALBA*

Loss of fishing privileges such as these due to the construction of new government dams and waterways means change and difficult readjustment in the lives of Indian Americans.

NEW attitudes of the government at Washington towards United States Indian tribes have caused disquiet in Mexico. Experts close to Indian opinion and familiar with Indian questions have been stirred to a lively interest, and the same thing is happening in other countries with a large proportion of Indian inhabitants, such as Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and parts of Central America. What disturbs these experienced observers is Washington's "program of termination" and the granting of permission to sell certain reservation lands.

Termination is the name for a legislative program already carried out in part by Congress through which control over the tribes is handed to some states with the federal government "getting out from under." Friends of the Indians refer to termination as "abandonment."

No less a figure than Dr. Manuel Gamio, world-renowned director of the Inter-American Institute, believes that the experience of Mexico constitutes a warning from which all countries with Indian populations should profit. Dr. Gamio is the originator of Mexican policy in this field and has behind him more than half a century of indefatigable activity.

Abolished Right of Inheritance

In 1857 the government of Mexico under the presidency of the revered Benito Juárez promulgated laws providing for the disentailment (abolishing the right of inheritance) of certain property. The aim was to put into circulation by forced sale riches held immobile by the clergy. The national economy had been paralyzed by the withholding of these goods and properties.

But Juárez and his advisers—Melchor Ocampo, Lerdo de Tejada and others—as the liberals they were, thought that individual property ought to be the basis of society. Thus they ordered, too, by the same laws, the disentailment of communal lands held by the Indian peoples. Indian lands were distributed among the members of each community.

The result was that in a few years, as the Indians lacked the means of defense and the economic resources to develop adequately the parcels they had received, their holdings were sold. Landowners whose holdings kept expanding bought more and more land of the Indians at low prices. In this way instead of the old collective land ownership under the Indians, there arose the vast latifundia—great estates in private hands, difficult to control.

The Indian, who had previously lived free in his village and worked the land in common as had been done for centuries, was now turned into a peon for the haciendas. Through the debts which he contracted with the landholder and which were transmitted from generation to generation, he remained bound to the hacienda as a serf. His standard of living rapidly dropped.

This situation and the land hunger arising as a consequence of the reform laws referring to Indian communities brought on the revolution of 1910. A measure liberal in appearance but contrary to the real needs of the people led the country into a revolution climaxing more than a half a century of suffering. True, the revolution was a social ferment leading to a real agrarian reform later which returned to the Indians the lands sold on the basis of the reform laws—in the form of land cooperatives or as small protected properties.

In the United States, because of a different social structure where the Indians form a small minority (in Mexico they are a large part of the population), the program of termination cannot lead to a revolution, of course. But individually for each Indian the experience of Mexico shows that such a program (equivalent in its effects to the Mexican reform laws of almost a century ago) may be disastrous.

After termination the Indians are likely to be defenseless without some of their vital lands. They will be turned into day laborers and farmhands, often as exploited as are the so-called "wetbacks" by the big companies—and this in their own country.

Such is the warning which the Inter-American Institute tactfully and discreetly gives the United States in a neighborly spirit—a warning based on its own mistakes and those of other Latin American nations.

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—Photos by Paul Stone

Raquel Varela, right, receives her diploma from Miss Florine Cantrell, missionary in Mexico with The United Christian Missionary Society, at the church in Aguascalientes.

Workmen for God

Young People from Disciples of Christ Schools In Mexico Are Well Prepared for a Great Task

By CHARLES D. STORY*

AN air of excitement prevailed this past spring at Mountain of Light Farm near Pabellon, Aguascalientes, in Mexico. The day of March 2 marked the first commencement exercise of this rural school. Arturo Aleman, Jr., received his diploma as the first student to complete the full high school curriculum at the Farm.

The diploma was presented by Miss Ruth Leslie, Disciples of Christ missionary who is director of the school, in an impressive ceremony at the Christian church in Aguascalientes. Frederick Huegel, Disciple professor at Union Seminary in Mexico City, delivered the commencement address.

Arturo and the other high school students sang a special hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," which is the official hymn of the seminary. Paul Stone, director of the Farm, sang with them, and his wife accompanied as pianist. Arturo left after the program for Mexico City to begin his studies for the ministry in the seminary.

During Week of Retreat

The graduation came during the week of the annual spiritual retreat of the churches of Disciples of Christ in Mexico. The retreat was held in the Aguascalientes church. At the graduation ceremony three other Disciple students were presented for recognition to the retreat delegates. One, Señorita Raquel Varela, received her certificate for having completed the midwifery course at the Los Haro Clinic. The certificate was presented by Miss Florine Cantrell, director of the clinic. The other two, David Moreno and Cuauhtemoc Sierra, had recently completed high school in San Luis Potosi. They were dedicated along with Arturo to enter Union Seminary immediately.

For four years Mountain of Light school has been training young men. The training emphasizes preparation for seminary and lay leadership in the church. Arturo Aleman, Jr., spent three and one-half years in the high school.

Arturo's successful completion of studies indicates progress in the purpose for which the school has been established. Everyone at the school believes that Arturo is only the first of a multitude who will be well prepared for seminary study or lay leadership.

Four Enrolled in Course

At the present time there are four students taking the full high school course at Mountain of Light Farm. Ten other young people are living on the farm and are attending grade school in the near-by town of Pabellon. At the Farm all the boys take courses in Bible, English and art. All are getting practical training in good farming.

The four high school students receive practical training for the ministry by helping in churches which have no pastors. They will go to the seminary after completing their work here. Some of the grade school students are looking forward to seminary study. Others may enter training for other professions. Some will return to farms and ranches. It is intended that all be prepared as workmen in the building of God's kingdom.

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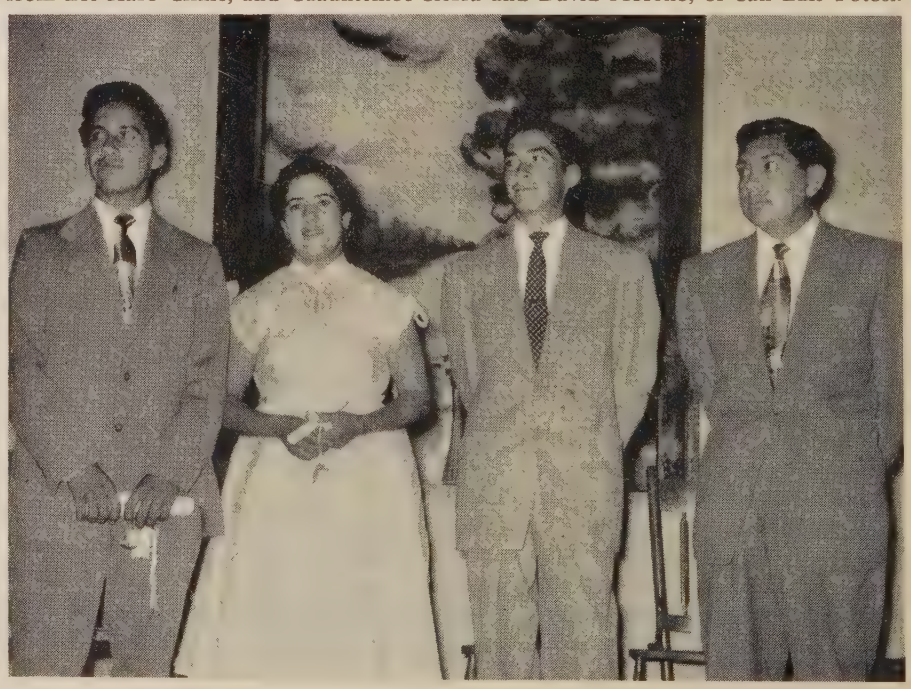
Below, left to right: Arturo Aleman, Jr., from Mountain of Light Farm; Raquel Varela, from Los Haro Clinic; and Cuauhtemoc Sierra and David Moreno, of San Luis Potosi.



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Hanford	35	11
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Vallejo, First	37	11
Watsonville	40	19

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Loveland	26	10
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Cordell	11	41*
Duncan, West Side	12	10
Enid, University Place	130	17
Guymon, First	29	17
Guymon, Straight	11	14
Hartshorne	14	16
Helena	23	14
Hooker, First	10	10
Hugo, First	25	14
Kaw City, First	10	15
Kingfisher, First	67	12
Langley, First	15	27*
LaVerne	42	39*
Mangum, Central	18	10

Ten Churches in Legion with Highest Per Cent Subscribing

	No. of Subs.	% Subscribing
Paynesville, Missouri	22	73
Henlawson, W. Virginia	21	58
Williamstown, Missouri	17	57
Devine, Texas, First	22	54
Celita, Illinois	28	53
Nova Scotia, Canada, Weymouth	33	50
Smithfield, North Carolina	25	50
New Bloomfield, Missouri	18	47
Black Mountain, North Carolina	14	47
Twin Falls, S. Idaho, Valley	21	45

Ten Churches in Legion with Most Subscriptions

	No. of Subs.	% Subscribing
Seattle, Washington, University	573	24
San Diego, Cal., University	278	23
Portland, Ore., First	271	20
Fort Worth, Texas, University	217	12
Salem, Ore., First	209	13
Topeka, Kans., First	184	14
Glendale, S. Cal., Central	184	13
Los Angeles, Hollywood-Beverly	173	13
Evansville, Ind., East Side	165	33
Colorado Springs, Colorado	164	12

Ten Churches in Legion with Greatest Gain

	No. of Subs.	Gain Over 1953-54
Glendale, S. Cal., Central	184	82
Raytown, Mo.	144	72
Vancouver, Wash., First	96	65
Portland, Ore., First	271	47
Fort Worth, Tex., Univ.	217	46
Decatur, Ga., First	101	42
Baxter Springs, Kan., First	57	42
Vernon, Tex., Central	53	41
Seattle, Wash., University	573	40
Pontiac, Mich., First	59	39

	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
Marshall	13	10
Mounds	18	28*
Muskogee, Memorial	28	16
Muskogee, Second	10	13
Mutual, First	13	12
Oklahoma City, Indiana Ave.	13	10
Oklahoma City, Northeast	36	18
Tulsa, Mohawk Park	15	20*
Tulsa, Southside	45	12
Tulsa, Wheeling Ave.	114	13
Walters, First	20	10
Weatherford, Federated	20	12
Wewoka, First	32	10
Wilburton, First	11	17
OREGON		
Astoria	25	11
Bend, First	37	10
Corvallis, First	76	17
Dallas	53	14
Dayton	13	10
Forest Grove, First	71	11
Gladstone	25	11
Heppner	15	10
Junction City	21	15
McMinnville, First	36	10
Nyssa, First	16	10
Portland, Englewood	28	10
Portland, First	271	20*
Portland, Kern Park	128	18
Portland, Southeast	22	13
Roseburg, West Side	22	16
Salem, First	209	13
PENNSYLVANIA		
Allison, Allison Mission	11	16
Bellevue	37	12
Butler, North Street	80	11
Canonsburg	16	10
Dallas, Huntsville	14	19
Erie	32	10
Mansfield, Canoe Camp	23	17
Marianna	11	11
Pittsburgh, Beechview	10	10
Pittsburgh, Knoxville	25	11
Wilkinsburg, First	38	11
SOUTH CAROLINA		
Aiken, Ellerton Memorial	11	12
Charleston, Rhett Avenue	15	28*
Greenville, First	19	15
Varnville, First	11	10
SOUTH DAKOTA		
Winner, First	23	17
SOUTH IDAHO		
Homedale	20	21*
Kimberly	27	10
Twin Falls, Valley	21	45*
TENNESSEE		
Bells, First	11	11
Columbia, Central	17	11
Eads, Bethany	25	16
Henderson	13	30*
Livingston	26	17
Memphis, Decatur St.	70	10
Nashville, Eastwood	34	10
Nashville, Woodmont	143	23*
Oak Ridge, First	37	18
Paris, First	66	22*
Sparta, First	10	11
Springfield, Dozier	11	21*
Union City, First	37	12
TEXAS		
Alice	26	16
Alpine, First	18	14
Austin, Central	151	13
Austin, Keoing Lane	21	11
Ballinger, First	16	11
Beaumont, Northwood	23	25*
Beeville	17	13
Bellaire	20	13
Bridge City	12	23*
Brownsville, Central	38	11
Burkburnett	10	18
Caddo Mills	11	11
Cameron	16	13
Carrollton, First	31	14
Clarksville	11	10
Colorado City, First	20	17
Corpus Christi, Bethany	17	15
Corsicana, First	46	15
Crockett	16	19
Dallas, Casa View	29	17
Dallas, Central	64	12
Dallas, Forest Avenue	29	12
Dallas, Home Gardens	14	12
Dallas, Oak Cliff	151	13
Dallas, Richardson St.	10	12
Dallas, South Cliff	26	10
Denison, First	43	10
Denton, First	45	12
Devine, First	22	54*
Dumas	23	10
El Campo, First	28	14
Electra, First	29	20*
El Paso, Bryon St.	11	13
Floydada	24	14
Fort Stockton	13	11
Fort Worth, Richland Hills	14	13
Fort Worth, University Place	217	12
Frisco, Central	16	16
Galena Park, Park Side	25	10
Greggton	16	17
Groves, First	16	15
Hillsboro, Central	24	15
Houston, Broadmoor	35	21*
Houston, East End	22	16
Houston, Oaks	27	11
Houston, Spring Branch	21	39*
Houston, Woodland	46	15
Iowa Park	14	10
Kerrville, First	12	10
Kilgore, First	35	10
Lamesa, First	13	10
Lancaster, First	34	15
Levelland	15	20*
Lubbock, Lubbock View	43	13
McCamey	11	11
Marfa, First	46	41*
Marshall, First	43	14
Mexia	17	18
Midland, Memorial	10	11
Monahans, First	13	10
Nocogdoches, First	26	12
Olney	11	14
Paducah, First	16	15
Palestine, First	105	13
Pasadena, First	46	11
Pecos	38	11
Plainview, First	38	14
Raymondville	15	20*
Richland Springs	10	13
Royse City, First	12	13
Sabinal, Central	14	11
San Benito, First	62	35*
Selman City	17	18
Snyder, First	20	12
Stephenville, First	17	13
Sulphur Springs, First	48	11
Throckmorton, First	16	33*
Tyler, First	126	12
Tyler, Ross Avenue	20	10
Uvalde, First	27	13
Vernon, Central	53	14
Weatherford, Central	29	11
Wichita Falls, First	146	11
Winnsboro, Central	18	23*
UTAH		
Salt Lake City, Central	52	13
VIRGINIA		
Bassetts, Fort Trial	11	12
Bedford	35	12
Blacksburg	18	14
Boones Mill	10	14
Bristol, Wood-Howell	15	17
Chatham	18	29*
Church Road, Poole	11	16
Collinsville, Stone Memorial	10	42*
Covington, Calvary	19	15
Cuckoo, Gilboa	31	14
Danville, First	28	17
Danville, West End	17	12
Deltaville, Philippi	32	18
Dunnsville, Rappahannock	24	13
Grafton	13	10
Hampton, Chapel St.	32	10
Jonesville, Galilee	12	16
Louisa	19	12
Martinsville, Calvary	16	10
Mathews, Westville	16	14
Mauertown, Zion	17	17
Narrows	28	10
Newbern	17	33*
Pennington Gap, Union	11	18
Perkinsville, Elpis	13	10
Pounding Mill	11	11
Radford, Second	24	11
Richmond, Colonial Place	24	10
Richmond, Lakeside	13	16
Roanoke, Bethany	26	15
Roanoke, First	75	16
Rochelle	14	12
Rocky Mount	19	10
West Point	22	23*
Winchester, Cork Street	24	11
WASHINGTON		
Auburn	48	24*
Bellingham, First	55	10
Bremerton, First	73	12
Camas	34	15
Centralia, First	75	15
Chehalis, First	53	12
Cheney	28	24*
Colfax	10	12
Creston	11	15
Ephrata, Memorial	13	10
Everett, Central	33	14
Kelso, Central	35	12
Longview, First	67	10
Mount Vernon	41	18
Olympia, First	102	15
Orting	10	11
Port Orchard	37	10
Pullman	11	13
Puyallup, First	51	15
Seattle, Findlay St.	21	16
Seattle, First	129	24*
Seattle, High Point	29	35*
Seattle, Lake City	38	10
Seattle, University	573	24*
Spokane, Pacific Ave.	19	11
Spokane, South Hill	17	10
Tacoma, First	102	16
Tacoma, Pine St.	29	18
Tacoma, Roosevelt Hts.	15	23*
Tekoa	16	11
Vancouver, First	96	11
Waitsburg, First	23	16
Yakima, Broadway	49	20*
WEST VIRGINIA		
Bluefield, Calfee Memorial	22	12
Brandywine	12	14
Henlawson, Justice	21	58*
Hinton, First	20	16
Mt. Hope	26	17
Mullens	10	21*
New Martinsville, First	59	14

Churches in Legion with 100 or More Subscriptions

	No. of Subs.
Northern California	
Modesto, First	112
Southern California	
Glendale, Central	184
Long Beach, East Side	106
Los Angeles, Hollywood-Beverly	173
Los Angeles, Wilshire	122
North Hollywood, First	107
Riverside, First	116
San Diego, University	278
Whittier, First	103
Colorado—Colorado Springs	164
District of Columbia	
Washington, National City	129
Georgia	
Decatur, First	101
Macon, First	117
Illinois—Danville, Central	143
Indiana	
Bloomington, First	100
Evansville, East Side	165
Indianapolis, Central	145
Indianapolis, University Park	104
Rushville, Main Street	141
Salem, First	102
Iowa	
Bloomfield	143
Des Moines, University	140
Fairfield, First	103
Ottumwa, Davis Street	111
Kansas	
Great Bend, First	102
Scott City	133
Topeka, First	184
Wichita, Central	170
Kentucky	
Lexington, Central	147
Louisville, First	142
Missouri—Raytown	144
North Carolina—Kinston	138
Oklahoma	
Blackwell	119
Enid, University Place	130
Tulsa, Wheeling Avenue	114
Ohio—Akron, High Street	109
Oregon	
Eugene, First	117
Portland, First	271
Portland, Kern Park	128
Salem, First	209
Tennessee	
Nashville, Vine Street	129
Nashville, Woodmont	143
Texas	
Austin, Central	151
Dallas, East Dallas	324
Dallas, Oak Cliff	151
Fort Worth, First	296
Fort Worth, University Place	217
Houston, First	118
Palestine, First	105
Tyler, First	126
Wichita Falls, First	146
Washington	
Olympia, First	102
Seattle, First	129
Seattle, University	573
Tacoma, First	102

Classroom and Campus

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Atlantic Christian College
Wilson, North Carolina

DR. R. B. Cutlip, Houston, Tex., rejoined the faculty at the beginning of the summer session as Dean of Student Life and is teaching in the department of education. During the 1954-55 term he served as associate professor in the department of psychology at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in Ruston.

Dr. Vere H. Rogers, Roanoke, Va., has been appointed associate professor in religion for the coming school year. Dr. Rogers has been pastor of First Christian Church at Roanoke for the past 12 years. He is a graduate of Drake University with B.A. and B.D. degrees. In June, 1953, Lynchburg College conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon him. He will serve as minister of the First Christian Church, Saratoga, N. C., while he teaches.

Thomas W. Evaul of West Chester, Penn., has been appointed as instructor in physical education for 1955-56.

Bethany College
Bethany, West Virginia

Mrs. Thomas W. Phillips, the former Greta Schoenwald of Vienna, Austria, is a new staff member in the Department of Music and in an advisory capacity in voice instruction. Mrs. Phillips was head of the Department of Voice of the famed Conservatory of Vienna from 1923 to 1938.

Dr. Robert Clyde Yarbrough, radio producer, television writer, producer, actor and author, has joined the staff in the newly-created post of Coordinator of the Fine Arts Department.

Thomas W. Phillips has provided a $25,000 gift toward the construction of a new library. Oreon E. Scott has set up a $25,000 segregated fund, the annual income from which will provide a lecture series on the history and founders of the Disciples of Christ. Campbell Allen Harlan, Detroit, Mich., has provided $10,000 to underwrite the initial development of a Fine Arts Department.

Butler University
Indianapolis, Indiana

Hilton U. Brown, who has guided the destinies of Butler University for more than half a century, has resigned as president of the Board of Directors. He was immediately elected President Emeritus. Mr. Brown, now 96 years old, received his B.A. degree in 1880 and his M.A. two years later. He was named as member of the board in 1885 and was elected president in 1903, which position he held until his resignation.

J. I. Holcomb, Indianapolis industrialist, is the newly elected president. Succeeding Mr. Holcomb as vice-president is Evan B. Walker, vice-president of the American Fletcher National Bank and Trust Company.

On June 26 the new Hilton U. Brown Theatron was dedicated. The 3,200-seat outdoor theater was officially turned over to the city at that time.

Chapman College
Orange, California

Dr. John C. Long, for twenty years president of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., has joined the faculty as associate professor of English and head of the Area of Communications.

Wilfred M. Landrus, formerly assistant to the dean of students at Washington State College at Pullman, Wash., has become dean of students.

Dr. Long succeeds Dr. Frank Roy Gay who is retiring after 50 years of teaching. Mr. Landrus succeeds James L. McKelvy, who will now devote full time to choral group instruction and off-campus tours and concerts.

The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

President Riley B. Montgomery addressed the Christian Church Conference held at Berea College, Berea, Ky., on July 31. His subject was "A New Look with a New Commitment."

Dean Myron T. Hopper, who heads the religious education department at the college, was appointed as the only Disciple on the interdenominational summer faculty at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo. During his leave of absence, Dr. George V. Moore acted as dean and chairman of the Admissions Committee.

Dr. T. Hassell Bowen, professor of Christian doctrine, gave a two-weeks series of special lectures this summer before the annual Conference of American Armed Services Chaplains at Berchtesgaden in southern Germany.

Culver-Stockton College
Canton, Missouri

Miss Naomi E. Gullion joined the Culver-Stockton staff as librarian at the beginning of the summer session. She received her M.A. degree in library science from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia and has recently served as school librarian at Pattonville, Mo.

Miss Janet Moldenhauer comes to the college as instructor in physical education from Urbana, Ill., where she has been employed by the University of Illinois for the past two years as an assistant in physical education.

David Steinbeck replaces John D. Buck as alumni secretary and director of publicity, and Adrian DeYong comes as an admissions counselor, filling the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Haskins in February. Lee Kocher fills the position of instructor of art made vacant by the resignation of Dana Johnson.

The Disciples Divinity House
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The 1955 convocation, held June 5, celebrated 100 years of work by Illinois Disciples of Christ on behalf of Christian higher education. The educational forces of Illinois Disciples were represented in the program by Dr. Ira W. Langston, president of Eureka College, who gave the address; Dr. W. J. Jarman, director of the Illinois Disciples Foundation at the University of Illinois; and Dr. W. B. Blakemore, dean of Disciples Divinity House.

Dr. H. L. Smith, president of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ, represented the association of the Illinois work with the Disciples world-wide enterprise in behalf of higher education.

Ph.D. degrees were granted to R. M. Pope, dean of the School of Religion, Drury College, and to Dale Miller of the faculty of Drake University. B.D. degrees were awarded to Charlie J. Brown, T. L. Hanna, George E. Massay, B. E. O'Donnell, and Charles E. Warren. New scholarship awards went to R. L. Nenney, Drury College; C. L. Palmgren and D. E. VanVoorhis, Drake University; N. S. Smith, Jr., Bethany College; and D. E. Wheat, Hiram College.

Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa

George C. Huff has been named to a newly created post of vice-president, academic administration. Dr. Huff will be responsible for all phases of the academic organization of the university. Included in the academic area are the nine colleges of the university, the libraries, the offices of the registrar, the dean of students, and the director of athletics.

Creation of the new position is part of a reorganization in which the university administration has been grouped in three areas: academic, business, and public relations and development. Heading the other two areas are Carl Kasten, business manager, and Robert Stuhr, director of public relations. Both have served at their present positions since 1950.

Eli A. Zubay, assistant registrar and director of admissions since 1952, has been named registrar, succeeding Dr. Roy W. Bixler who retired at the end of the spring semester.

On Aug. 15 Dr. Elsworth P. Woods, head of the division of basic studies and professor of political science at Western Michigan State College, Kalamazoo, Mich., assumed responsibilities as professor of political science and dean of the college of liberal arts. Dr. Woods succeeds the late Luther W. Stalnaker.

Eureka College
Eureka, Illinois

In number of alumni listed in the current *Who's Who in America,* a Eureka centennial study indicates that in spite of its small size, it ranks eleventh among Illinois

Harold E. Stassen Speaks at Eureka College

Harold E. Stassen, foreign operation director (left), and W. H. Smith, 95, oldest living alumnus of Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois, congratulate a 1955 cum laude graduate, Bobbie Jean Davis of Mississippi. Mr. Stassen delivered the address on June 12 when the college held its centennial commencement program.
—International Convention Photo

colleges and 248th among the nation's 1,800 collegiate institutions.

The Eureka Centennial observance which began with Founders' Day this past Feb. 6 and was climaxed with the Eureka College commencement and centennial celebration on Sunday, June 12, continues through the fall and will conclude with an alumni homecoming in October.

Hiram College
Hiram, Ohio

Eighty-four students received their Bachelor of Arts degree at the one hundred and fifth commencement in Hayden Auditorium on June 5. Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, was the speaker. Dr. Warren E. Grafton, pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, Mich., gave the baccalaureate sermon. Awards for distinguished service were made to longtime faculty member Dr. Elbert H. Clarke and to Charles M. Fenton, trustee of Hiram College. Dr. Clarke has taught mathematics at Hiram for thirty-eight years.

Announcement was made at the annual meeting of the alumni association of the achievement of the Hiram Development Campaign in exceeding the goal of $600,000. President Paul H. Fall announced the formation of a special Development Council to further plans for the "Hiram College of the future."

Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

President Cleo W. Blackburn presented the baccalaureate sermon, and Dr. W. A. Welsh, minister of the East Dallas Christian Church, Dallas, delivered the commencement address. The honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree was awarded to Isaac Scott Rathaway, noted sculptor and teacher in the Department of Ceramics at Alabama State College.

The president announced during the commencement season approval of the immediate construction of a new dining hall to replace the one lost by fire.

Dr. E. N. Norris, assistant director of the Fundamental Education Program, has been appointed by the board to serve as Executive Acting Dean.

Northwest Christian College
Eugene, Oregon

Recent visitors on the campus included Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, president of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., and A. J. Sprong, Sunnyside, Wis. Mr. Sprong, who has been a good friend to Northwest Christian, made another gift of $10,000 to the college. This money is designated for the library building fund.

Pixley House has been added to the campus as part of the long range plan for campus development. It will be the home of the caretaker, William Mumbach, and will also provide housing for a number of students.

Phillips University
Enid, Oklahoma

Phillips University, supported by Disciples of Christ churches in half a dozen southwestern states, is admitting Negroes to all departments beginning with this fall term. This was the first statement by a church-supported school in the state for complete desegregation.

For the third time in the history of the university, an honorary life membership was granted to one of the members of the board of trustees. This honor was extended to A. M. Ehly, Enid, who has been a member of the board since 1930. Others who have received this honor were the late Judge J. H. Everest, Oklahoma City; and the late A. H. Foulks, Enid.

A traveling seminar of the Holy Land and Europe, June 22 to August 14, was sponsored by Phillips University with Dr. Ralph G. Wilburn, professor of theology in the graduate seminary, as leader of the tour.

School of Religion
Butler University
Indianapolis, Indiana

The fifth annual Urban Church Institute was held June 14 to July 1. This institute is conducted in cooperation with the urban department of the home missions division of The United Christian Missionary Society and the Urban Church Commission of the Home and State Missions Planning Council.

The fifth annual Religious Broadcasting Workshop was held during the same period. This annual workshop is in cooperation with WFBM-TV, Indianapolis; Indianapolis Church Federation; and the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. Director was Dr. Alfred R. Edyvean, head of the department of speech, radio-television and drama of the School of Religion.

Pastoral Counseling was featured as one of three-week sessions, July 5 to July 22. Dean B. A. Norris directed the session. The special lecturer was Dr. Paul Irion, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Prairie View, Ill. Courses in psychological factors, techniques and special needs were offered.

Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

The baccalaureate speaker on June 5 was Dr. Dwight E. Stevenson, professor of homiletics at The College of the Bible. Dr. Theodore H. Jack, past president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, spoke at the commencement services. Eighty-six seniors were graduated.

Dr. William Ferguson, chairman of the Division of Social Studies, and Dr. John Mahan, professor of biology, will be on sabbatical leave this year.

Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Jarvis Hall, one of the oldest dormitories on the campus, has been completely remodeled on the interior. The remodeling will give the university housing for some 518 girls.

New faculty members include Miss J. Lou Turner, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. Murray M. Rohman, associate professor of business administration; Mrs. Zac Reisner, organ; Mrs. Margaret N. Wagers, assistant professor of history; James Jacobsen, director of the T.C.U. bands; and J. Eddie Weems, teacher of English and track coach.

Dr. Ellis M. Sowell, first dean of the T.C.U. school of business, has returned to the campus as a distinguished professor. Since early in 1954, Dr. Sowell has been personal administrator of the national accounting firm of Haskins & Sells at the executive offices in New York City.

Transylvania College
Lexington, Kentucky

Dr. Irwin E. Lunger, pastor of the University Church of the Disciples of Christ at Chicago for the past 15 years, has been named the first dean of Morrison Chapel at Transylvania College. Dr. Lunger will also serve as professor of religion at Transylvania.

As dean of Morrison Chapel, Dr. Lunger will inaugurate a program designed to lead toward a coordinated Christian emphasis throughout the entire campus life.

Dr. Lunger and B. F. Lewis, professor of philosophy and head of the department of religion and philosophy, will develop a general education program, designed to be a capstone course, taught on a highly individualized basis and designed to assist the senior student in making a synthesis of his four years at Transylvania in terms of a philosophy and personal faith.

A Brass Band for the Bride

Weddings in India Have Everything

By RUTH KINNEY*

Harshit Lal leaves the church at Damoh with his bride, Viola Jesmine, shortly after their colorful wedding ceremony and program.

—Photo by D. T. Rice

ALONG with the hot weather in India each year comes the "wedding season." This fact meant much to Disciples of Christ at the Damoh station a few months ago, for one of the *gaon sathees*—village workers—in the Star of Life Program of the Disciples was married to a local Christian young woman in a ceremony that will long be remembered.

The bridegroom was Harshit Lal, and the bride was Miss Viola Jesmine Johnson. But let us see what takes place at an Indian Christian wedding—

It is a hot, still summer day, with the temperature well over 100 degrees. We have cycled to the church in Damoh, arriving at the appointed time only to find that the church is empty. The wedding is going to be according to "Indian time."

We take up our seats in the church and try to stir up a breeze with our fans. The walls are decorated with handmade tissue paper flowers of various colors, since this is the time of the year when flowers are very scarce and those that are available are used for bouquets and *malas* at the weddings.

Twittering birds flit around here and there through the open windows. Some of them are busily tugging and pulling at the fringe on the small rugs scattered on the floor at the front of the building. It is nesting time, and the birds work very hard trying to get pieces of string from the rugs only to find that the other end is quite securely fastened. These rugs, called *duries,* are for the children and the overflow to sit upon. *Everyone* comes to a wedding in India!

THE church begins to fill after some time, and by 5:30 P.M. the bridegroom and his party arrive in the horse-drawn buggies called *tongas* and on bicycles. They take their places and wait for the rest of the wedding party. The rugs at the front of the church are nearly covered now with children, and some, although quite small, are holding babies on their laps.

We hear the blare of the brass band. It is the wedding band! Its members are attired in bright red satin suits and have their brass instruments polished so that they gleam in the bright sunlight. The bride's party, led by the band, arrives in a big, shining sedan rented from one of the rich local merchants, while others are riding in *tongas* hired for the occasion. Having escorted the party to the door of the church with the liveliest music (most unlike "Here Comes the Bride"), the band continues on around the outside of the church and waits at the side.

As we sing a hymn for the processional, the bride's party—including two small flower girls dressed in sheer white frocks—comes up the aisle. All of her family and friends follow her in the procession. It is a long hymn, but we have to repeat one verse in order to get the bride to the altar.

THE bride is dressed in a gleaming white silk *sari,* a snowy blouse, and of course a white veil. Her long hair, arranged in the latest Indian fashion, is adorned with fragrant white flowers, and she carries a multi-colored bouquet trimmed with thread-like silver foil strips and tied with white ribbon streamers.

The bridegroom, dressed in a black suit, takes his place beside the bride and the service begins. The visiting minister from the near-by Swedish Mission reads a very short marriage ceremony in Hindi. This is followed by a prayer and a short dissertation on Christ's teaching concerning marriage and the Christian home. Contrary to Indian custom there is not a long sermon this time.

After the prayer the bride and groom are seated at a table before the congregation. They must sign the register and papers in the presence of the assembly.

While this is going on we are singing "Trust and Obey," and in the midst of the confusion the friends of the couple are going through the congregation placing *malas* and wristlets of flowers on the newly married couple and their friends and relatives. And the throwing of rose water upon everyone is not neglected. The last signature is finally written, and after the closing benediction we all leave the church.

Having greeted friends we are ready to make our departure, but no—the band has started up and is playing a lively tune. A crowd has gathered on the far side of the compound. There is a dancing horse! This is the first time that we have seen such an animal perform at a wedding program.

Later we join the wedding dinner party at the home of the bride. A huge red and white sign over the gateway proclaims "Welcome." There are strings of gay paper flags and bunting strung all around the yard. The phonograph and loud speaker are blaring forth the Indian "hit parade" as is the custom at any Indian celebration. Rugs are placed on the ground for the guests to sit upon.

On a table before the bride and groom is placed a beautiful, large tiered wedding cake. It is a dark cake with white icing. The bottom layer is decorated with butterflies cut from silver paper. Icing cupids holding hands dance in a circle around the second tier. Paper shields and crosses give a religious emphasis to the next layer, while perched atop the cake is a large cross edged in silver candies. Two string beds covered with colorful hand-loomed covers are placed near the couple to hold the wedding gifts.

BEING missionaries, we are asked to sit at the place of honor at the table with the bride and bridegroom. This is an Indian way of being polite, and although we do not like to be put on a pedestal we do accept the honor to be polite to our host and hostess. We are their guests.

We eat with our hands and nearly burn our fingers because the food is so hot. Just when the bride and bridegroom have finally gotten over their embarrassment and have started to eat, the guests come forward to greet them and to shake hands. As we bid farewell to the host and hostess and honored guests we are given a piece of the wedding cake and offered *pan supari,* which is the Indian equivalent of after-dinner mints.

Joining the crowd of chattering parents, singing youth and fretting children, we walk down the dusty, dirty lane and wend our way homeward. It was a big wedding party and we join in a fervent prayer that God will bless this new Christian home. May it be Christian in witness as well as in name. India needs Christian homes.

*Miss Kinney is a missionary in India with The United Christian Missionary Society.

Women and WORLD HIGHWAYS

Women Around the World

By MOSSIE ALLMAN WYKER*

"He's got the whole world in His hand,
He's got the big, round world in His hand,
He's got you and me, sister, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand."

AS the Fellowship Team went on its mission of goodwill around the world Felicia Sunderlal of India sang with assurance in her beautiful, clear voice this American Negro folk song. Women listened; they were comforted and often stirred to action. Other members of the four-member team were Mrs. David D. Baker of New York, Miss Josefina Phodaca of Manila, and the author of this article.

The great revolutions going on in our world today are not only freeing people and nations, but they are releasing women from the shackles of prejudice and discrimination. In several countries of the Orient we were told that women today are able to serve in high posts of government, in education and in social welfare because the mission schools and colleges opened their doors to women long before it was believed by many that women could even learn. There are also many who are serving in high positions today who, though they are not Christians, were educated in Christian schools.

EN ROUTE to Agra, one hundred and twenty-five miles from Delhi, to see the beautiful Taj Mahal, we passed through many Indian villages. We noted the contrast between great wealth and abject poverty. About half way to Agra the driver stopped to cool the motor of the car. (We were traveling during the heat of the day, and words cannot describe that heat!) As we stepped out of the car we were immediately surrounded by women and children who were begging.

One mother with children clinging to her held out a scrawny, thin, little baby burning with fever. "Give! Give!" she begged me. Then, before I realized what she was doing, she dropped to her knees and put that hot little baby head on my foot. It was as if a piece of hot iron had touched me. Her anguished eyes looked up to me as she pled again—"Give! Give!" Of course, I gave, but we knew that kind of giving would mean but little. India needs help at the deep, base roots—education, sanitation, better nutrition.

In contrast to these women of ignorance and poverty, there were the educated, *concerned* women of India. They are working shoulder to shoulder with the men, helping build a new, free nation. We had many interviews with these women. Perhaps the two most interesting were with Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the daughter of Mr. Nehru, and Hon. Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Minister of Health.

As we talked with Hon. Raj Kumari she told of her plans for better health in the villages of India, stating simply that when the standard of living is raised, the birth rate drops. How to lower the birth rate is one of India's major problems.

IN the Fiji Islands on the World Day of Prayer, I spoke in the Centenary Church (Methodist) to several hundred women. Translating for me was a Fijian woman teacher. Her bushy hair stood out at least four inches from her head and her feet were bare, but her lovely, long dress was clean and white. Her rich, clear voice translating as she stood beside me seemed to be the voice of prophecy, giving assurance that the women of Fiji shall all know freedom and education.

The women of Indonesia are stirring. Under the capable leadership of a Muslim woman, a national women's organization is flourishing as they struggle for child welfare, better marriage and divorce laws, and property rights for women. One longs for the women of the church to be as well organized for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Two outstanding Christian women of Indonesia have been invited to the Assembly of United Church Women in Cleveland, November 7-10, 1955. They will not only make a contribution at Cleveland, but they will be a power for good as they return to their country.

IN Buganda, Africa, I stayed in the home of an African doctor. He and his wife are Anglican. They have six children. She accompanied him to England where he studied medicine for a year. I have never been in a more Christian home. One of the rich experiences of the trip for me was being asked one evening to lead family prayers. As I knelt with that father and mother, I wondered, how many American fathers and mothers were kneeling that night for prayers with their children.

We were grateful to be received at the Palace by the Queen of Buganda. She said, "Pray for my people and see that leaders are sent to work with our women. Africa must educate and train its women if we are to develop into a strong country."

IN Pakistan we met many distinguished women. At dinner one evening in the Lucie Harrison Girls' High School I sat at the right of the principal. She shared with me the story of her father's conversion from Islam. He was in Lahore as a young man en route to Bombay on business. As he was walking along the main shopping center he saw in a window the words from Matthew 11:29—"Take my yoke upon you. . . ." This was the beginning.

He bought a Bible and went to Christian leaders for help. The news of his conversion shocked the family, and his elder brother rushed to Lahore and stood outside the church where her father was being baptised. When her father came outside the church, the brother threw a stone which struck him in the head. Fortunately, the injury was not fatal. She said, "My father gave up everything in order to follow Christ. Those who are born in Christian homes take Christianity for granted. That is one reason why the church all over the world is not as strong as it ought to be." She is an honor to her father—and to her Lord.

SO are many other fine, Christian women around the world. I kept asking myself in moments of quiet and meditation if American women, born in Christian homes, educated and free, are giving in service and in dedication of life and talents as are these other women. How would women answer—those of Disciples of Christ?

The Fellowship Team at the home of Shrimati Sahgal, chairman of the National Council of Women in India. Left to right, Mrs. David D. Baker of New York, Miss Josefina Phodaca of Manila, Miss Gertrude Nyce, a Presbyterian missionary in India, Mrs. James D. Wyker, Shrimati Sahgal, the hostess, and Felicia Sunderlal of India.

*As president of the United Church Women, Mrs. James D. Wyker headed the Fellowship Team which circled the globe in the spring of 1955. She is the wife of a Disciples of Christ minister in Ohio and is herself an ordained minister.

WORLD CALL

Echoes— *from Everywhere*

Christians in Japan Are Faithful and Devoted

THE outlook for Christian work in Japan is as hopeful as it has ever been. Our churches are constantly making contributions toward the greater task of the Christian movement in Japan, especially toward unity and growth.

We have many outstanding leaders from Disciples churches serving in all three fields of service—evangelism, social work and educational work. Perhaps in a statistical view we are not large in number; but we are moving slowly but surely, and we know where all our members are and can count on them faithfully.

We are confident and hopeful that Christianity is growing, will continue to grow and will always be a living religion of Japan. We must make it as such, and we covet the prayers, interest and support of Disciples. The Christians are seeking, praying, striving and working for world peace.

—AIGI AND KIYO KAMIKAWA

Tokyo, Japan

Congo Pastor Praises Missionary

On a recent Sunday the pastor at Monieka dwelt on the theme, *"Tocika Mbune"* ("We Leave Our Trail Behind Us"). From the Christians of Bible times down to the Christians of today, trails have been and are being blazed.

His special tribute concerned the trail which has been blazed by *Mama Bokafa*—Miss Martha Bateman. She has spent her life blazing trails for them, their children and even their children's children. Although primarily a school teacher, Miss Bateman's trail has not been confined just to education but has been interwoven with the gospel story wherever she has gone.

The pastor recalled Miss Bateman's early itineraries before the days of trucks, and he recalled how he and she would wade waist deep in swamps to reach the distant villages. The pastor's listeners could not contain their enthusiasm for the tributes which he paid the missionary but vocally assented to all that he had to say.

—*Congo Cobwebs*

Filipino Couple Ordained Missionaries

Pastor Narciso Ibarra was ordained by the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines as a home missionary to the Apayao Missionary Conference [in which Disciples of Christ participate]. The ordination took place on April 5 at the quarterly conference of the Ilocos Sur Christian Workers.

Pastor Pablo Tumbaga of the Sinait church, where the ordination was held, presided. Conference treasurer Canuto Batoon, who has given years of service in helping develop the work in Apayao, gave the charge as Pastor Ibarra and his wife knelt before him. . . . The ordination sermon was preached by Hubert Reynolds, missionary in the Ilocos Sur District with The United Christian Missionary Society.

—HARRIET REYNOLDS

Philippine Christian Advance

Magdalena Gimena Marries Young Minister

On the evening of March 5 we attended the wedding of Magdalena Gimena. It was a lovely wedding, as they all should be. The bride recently returned from a year's study in the United States and is working in the Belgrano church here in Argentina as religious education director this year.

Mrs. Parrilla

Before her visit to the States she had been graduated from the Union Theological Seminary and had worked in the Colegiales church under both the Paul Andresses and the T. J. Liggetts. In a recent workers' conference it was very evident that she is well prepared in religious education and most anxious to serve her Lord.

As Magdalena became Mrs. Luis Parrilla she also extended her influence as a Christian worker because her husband, a Methodist, is in his last year of seminary training and soon will be serving a church as a minister.

—JUNE SMEDLEY

River Plate Reflections

Missionary Candidates Serve Internship

Clifton and Arlene Peightal, missionary candidates with The United Christian Missionary Society, have been serving a 5-month internship at Yakima Indian Christian Mission. In a letter the Peightals write:

We were here but a short time when we were deeply impressed with one thing—the great need of these native American people who are our brethren. The thirty-four children we have here at the Mission are very attractive and lovable, but when you get beneath the surface and know more of the facts of each individual, something of a tragedy hits you.

All is not discouragement, however. Last Sunday evening we had our first baptisms in the new log church. Nine young people were baptized. The ledge around the back of the baptistry was arranged with green potted plants which, against the plain redwood background of the chancel and baptistry interior, made a very beautiful setting. The baptismal service proved to be of some significance among even the non-Christians. It resulted in a larger attendance at evening than in the morning.

Missionary Instructs Young Indian Wives

Years ago in Scotland we were impressed with the fact that the Scottish people thought American students married very early. Now I am amazed at the idea of young married lads' attending high school while their wives keep house.

This year we have been teaching two women to read. They must be quite young girls since their husbands look like ordinary high school boys. One of the girls has the care of her own little girl in addition to several relatives but always finds time to sit and read with us when we go to her home. The other wife cares for a helpless mother-in-law who is ill. They live in a wee hut with scarcely room for the sick woman's bed. They will return to their village as soon as school closes and then come back when vacation ends.

These women are learning health facts and Bible stories so that they may tell them to others. We trust God to do whatever we cannot do so that these couples and their children may develop into the kind of citizens he wants for his world. These are Satnami people who are considered outcastes.

—MIRIAM TERRY

Mungeli, India

Youth Week Observance Held in Congo

Young people at the Disciples of Christ mission at Mondombe, Belgian Congo, observed Youth Week this year. Posters were made by the boy in the photo at right. He is now attending the business school at Bolenge. The girl in the photo was graduated from the fifth grade this past April. The words of the poster theme are shown translated into a Lonkundo expression.

—Photo by C. B. Williams

Missionary Worship Service

Theme: *The Great Spirit*

October

"Creator of Mankind"

Hymn: "Come Forth, Ye Men of Every Race and Nation!" *(Christian Worship: A Hymnal,* 487).

Scripture: "Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?" *(Mal. 2:10)*

Meditation: "God is Love." God created man in his own image. Believing this, we can only conclude that God intended the spirit of man to be love. There is some of the Great Spirit in all mankind. Were it allowed to command the lives of people, there would be no bridges to build between two worlds. There would be only one world cemented together with a fellowship of love which knows no barriers.

God forgive us for our disobedience to the divine destiny intended for us in his great will of love. It is indeed necessary for us to build bridges if we are to realize the fullness of the goodness of God, for we have allowed our egotism, pride and prejudice to dig chasms and erect barriers that have divided the children of God. Unless these barriers can be scaled and the chasms bridged, the path is broken which leads to the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. He who claims to love God and does not love his brother is a liar.

It is most surely a sin and a shame, which the church must hasten to erase, that the church is the last stronghold of Satan's force of prejudice.

The military recognizes no such barriers as all races are called to share the "death marches," the dank prisons, the firing squads and the brain washings.

The sporting world was perhaps the first to give its acclaim to those with the fighting hearts, the courage to dare and the will to win—without respect to race or color. The political world has, through the United Nations, brought together all races and colors without regard for either in an effort to find the road to lasting peace.

The judicial world as exemplified in the United States Supreme Court has taken its stand for the equality of man. Could it do otherwise? Is it not the highest court in this great nation which was founded "under God"?

Still, the church lags. God forgive us and open our eyes that we may see not segments of thy children set apart because they are red or black or yellow or white, but rather one great family of brothers loving each other, serving each other, seeking each other, and saving each other. Thus with eyes opened to Thy Great Spirit we shall seek the fellowship of the whole "family" which was created by thee and in thy image.

Period of Meditation and Silent Prayer: *(Ask that each person present with bowed head and in all honesty consider to what extent prejudice against any part of God's family has resulted in the erection of barriers which may have excluded anyone from our fellowship of love in Christ our Lord.)*

Listen to "A Shepherd's Psalm"[1] written by a Navajo Indian of today, with a consuming desire to point the way of life to his fellow tribesmen bound by pagan beliefs.

Far above the four heavens,
Our blue deep lands,
Sits Our Holy One, the Holy Almighty God;
Who guided our forefathers
Down through the centuries.
Thou hast led them in sorrows and joy;
Therefore we praise Thy name forever and ever.

Thou hast also led us into this land.
Thou hast given us roots and berries to eat
And the pure animals for food and clothing.
We stand before Thee with the little lambs in our arms at noon hour;
Whose mothers have left them for the far beyond.
Which way to turn? To none other than to Thee, Our Heavenly Father.

The footprints of our Elder Brother can still be seen faintly.
One cannot find these footprints but by very careful sight.
Their tread goes higher and higher.
But some day we will catch up with our Elder Brother in the Far Beyond,
Above the four deep blue lands.

—*Albert Bradley*

Prayer: Oh, Great Spirit: Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am a man before you, one of your many children—I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made; my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people. The lesson, you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy—myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades as a fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.[2]

—*Chief Yellow Lark*
—Verla Elliott Sutton

[1] From *Psalms by American Indians.* Published by and used with the permission of Cook Christian Training School, Phoenix, Arizona.
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In Memoriam

Mrs. Nina Daniel McCrea (Mrs. Jack), June 29, Maysville, Mo. Beloved member of Christian church for 55 years, and a leader in the early missionary society, in the missionary council and C.W.F. Her life was one of loyalty and service. Age 68.

Miss Connie Frazier, June 5, Paris, Tenn. Active member of First Church, treasurer of C.W.F., and Sunday school teacher. She was loved and admired by all.

Maggie Arena Tilghman Waters Busbee (Mrs. J. F.), Apr. 30, Raleigh, N. C. Member of Hillyer Memorial Church since 1926. Although inactive for years because of ill health, she was a good neighbor with many friends to whom she gave much thought and time. Age 70.

Viola Catherine Berger, June 14, Maroa, Ill. She was a charter member of the C.W.B.M. of the Christian church in Maroa. Age 85.

Mrs. Amanda Derrow, June 13, Moundsville, W. Va. She was a faithful member of First Christian Church, the Berean Bible Class and the Christian Women's Fellowship. Age 83.

Mrs. Patricia Violet Steinhilb (Mrs. Karl E.), June 17, Yakima, Wash. An outstanding church leader in Washington and North Idaho, she served First Church in many capacities. She was president of the United Church Women of Yakima and in May served as vice-president of the Washington-Northern Idaho Convention of Christian Churches. Age 48.

Mrs. Jake Huddleston, May 24, Fulton, Ky. Beloved member of First Christian Church, a Sunday school teacher and past president of C.W.F. Age 78.

Mrs. J. W. Dunn, Water Valley, Ky. Beloved member of First Christian Church, Fulton, Ky. A faithful member of C.W.F. and Sunday school as long as health permitted. Age 75.

Mrs. Sallie Nicholls, May 16, Wellsburg, W. Va. Member of the Christian church since childhood and a charter member of the C.W.B.M. She was active in Sunday school work and a member of the Laurel Band Class. Age 86.

Mrs. Mabel Keithly, May 19, Center, Mo. Charter member of the C.W.F. of Olivet Christian Church. Served as pianist of the church for many years. Always faithful and a good worker, she is greatly missed by all.

For Adult Mission Study

OCTOBER

Theme

Indian Americans

Bridges Between Two Worlds

NUMEROUS persons and organizations are helping to build bridges between the two worlds in which many Indian Americans live today. Among them are the Indians themselves. Through their own organization, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), they have developed a program of self-help and rehabilitation. Similar to other technical assistance programs, this plan is called the Point 9 Program.

In 1928 the findings of the Meriam Survey revealed that economic, social, educational, and health conditions among Indians were extremely unfavorable. Twenty-five years later we can report little progress. The Point 9 Program seeks to correct many of these conditions. Adult on-the-farm and on-the-job training programs will be one step in this direction. Many Indians are living in extreme poverty on lands rich in mineral deposits or timber. They lack the technical knowledge or the capital necessary to develop these resources. Another proposal in the Program includes technical assistance at this point.

Project for the Cherokees

D'Arcy McNickle, a Flathead Indian who first proposed the Point 9 Program, directed a successful project among the Cherokee Indians of Eastern Oklahoma in the summer of 1954. In the community at Bunch, Oklahoma, 85 per cent of the 5,000 Cherokees were living in substandard homes.

We usually think of the Oklahoma Cherokees as well-intergrated, self-sufficient citizens. Many of them *are* well adjusted and live within the general communities as average residents, often holding important positions. The success of these individuals tends to overshadow the fact that thousands of full-bloods and their descendants failed to make the necessary transition from tribal life to "termination" over fifty years ago when Indian Territory became the state of Oklahoma. In 1950, for example, one-fourth to one-third of Oklahoma's 25,000 Cherokees were on relief.

So it was that in the heat and drought of the summer of 1954 the NCAI, with an American Indian Development Program (AID), moved into this community to help the Indians help themselves.

Mr. McNickle, director of the AID project, enlisted the help of the public health nurse, the county sanitarian, a vocational agricultural teacher, a shop teacher, several county home demonstration agents, a community worker employed by the tribe, and a soil conservation specialist. All of these persons assisted with a workshop held the first four days of the week-long project. Guided discussions, aimed specifically at helping the Indians to recognize and understand their own problems, increased the enthusiasm of the Cherokees in participating in the self-improvement projects on homes and property. A new community spirit of cooperation, once a strong point of tribal life, was revived. Rekindled hope led to a reborn sense of self-respect and dignity—a willingness to do, to trust, to begin where the "Trail of Tears" had left off. These results were as important as the improved homes and new projects begun for earning income.

For other information, write to the National Congress of American Indians, 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Social Welfare to Provide Packet

The department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society is preparing a packet for use with the study on Indian Americans. This packet, planned for free distribution, will contain a pamphlet with reprints of the articles by Harold Fey in *The Christian Century*.

In addition to numerous other items of interest, the packet will provide an up-to-date analysis of bills before Congress pertaining to Indian Americans. The analysis will advise church members which bills should be supported and which we should seek to have defeated. A list of senators and representatives who serve on the subcommittee on Indian American affairs is included to guide persons in writing to the proper legislators. *It is of extreme importance that Christians work to secure the kind of laws which will benefit Indian Americans.* This is a crucial moment in our country's history; let's use our democratic form of government.

Write to the department of social welfare, UCMS, 222 So. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind., for your copy of the packet.

Additional Resources

You will probably want to highlight the work of the National Council of Churches in this program. The *National Council Outlook* magazine from time to time carries articles concerning this work. The April, 1955, issue contained an article by Russell Carter, "The Illusion of Inability," which ties in especially well with this program. The *Church Woman* is an additional source, and the information sent out for World Day of Prayer is another.

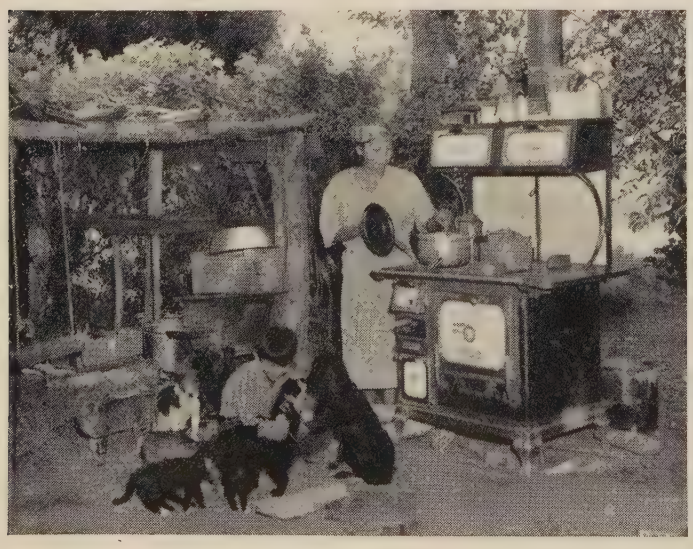
The reading list, *Toward World Christianity,* mentions a number of reading and resource books which will add to the interest of this study. Quantities may be obtained free from the missionary education department, UCMS.

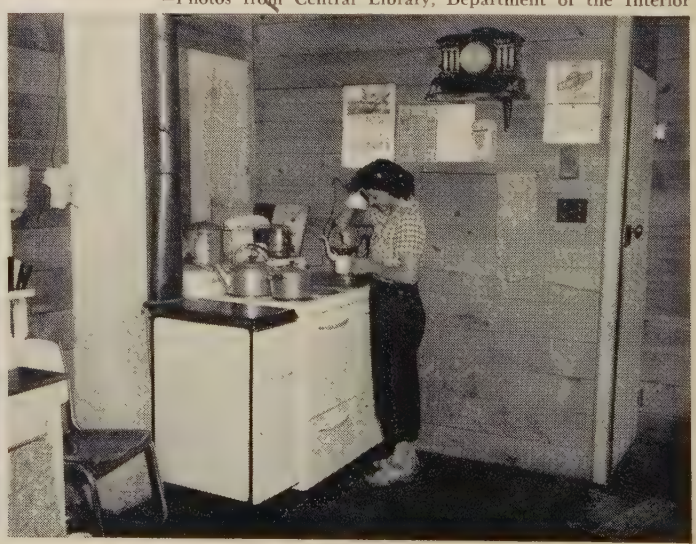
The pronunciation guide for the Indian American study will be useful with this program. Single copies, 3c postage; additional copies, 1c each plus postage.

—MURIEL WATKINS LEACH

During summer months many Yakima Indians cook and eat outdoors, where they move their old-type stoves (left). In contrast, on the Flathead Reservation in Montana, a tribal project supplies electrical power for homes and irrigated farmland.

—Photos from Central Library, Department of the Interior



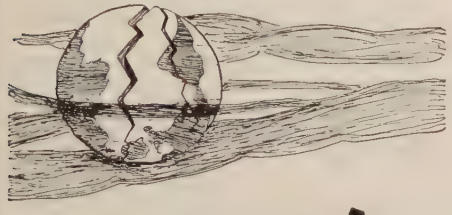


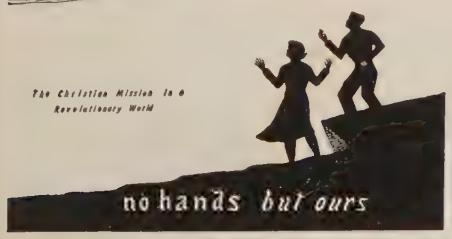
Youth and Missions

Colorful Tradition—Yet New

FOR about thirty years teen-agers have been packing up, crowding into cars, and singing their way to large meetings of youth who come to enlarge their vision of the world church and their part in it. Each year the central purpose is the same, but there are changes in the setting and activities.

One tradition that has developed in these meetings—now usually called World Fellowship Youth Meets—is that of atmosphere. Decorations, games, foods, songs take the youth to first one country and then another—but successive years always have different countries. The consecration service, with gifts for world outreach, has also become a treasured tradition. But it has always a new approach to the mind and soul. Discussion groups are an established part of the Meet. Each year new subjects are introduced for discussion. One thing remains much the same—the rich and happy fellowship among the youth and tried-and-true leaders of youth.





World Fellowship YOUTH MEET

In looking forward to your Meet, a youth group may do two things. It can resolve to do a fine job on tasks assigned it—worship program, short play, making of decorations, or whatever else—and look over plans to see what the Meet offers and think of ways to make it help the group the most. For the first, you must wait for assignment. You can begin thinking about the second matter at once. The glimpses provided here will give you ideas.

What 1955-1956 Offers

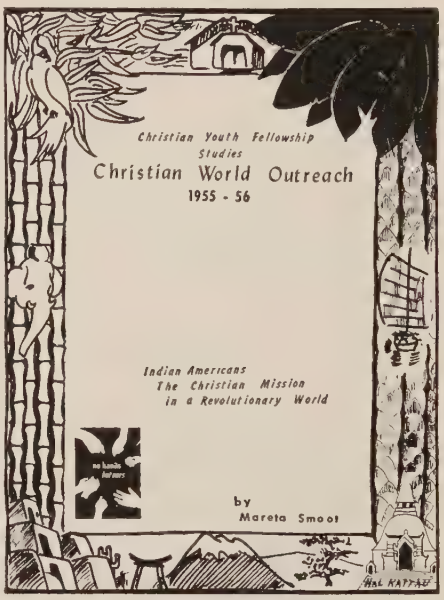
"The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" is the theme which millions of Christians of North America will be talking about, looking about, and reading about during the early months of 1956. It is the theme of the Meet. The general meaning of the theme is this: something like half the population of our planet is trying to make rapid strides forward in mode of living—food, health, shelter, clothing—and in matters of the mind and spirit. The millions are asking for education and requesting that all other peoples respect their dignity as human beings. A considerable number are questing for a faith which will fully satisfy their spirits. Many millions are trying to acquire quickly these blessings that the West won over a period of centuries. The great striving in Asia, Africa, and parts of our own hemisphere, and the rapid changes that are resulting are often called a "revolution." What Christians should do in the present situation is the question for discussion.

Your program cover shows two youth looking at the disturbed, upside down world and trying to decide what God expects their hands to do. In discussion groups, you will try to understand what is happening around us and attempt to decide where your own hands may take hold.

There is a continuing demand for certain discussion subjects in the Meet. Both seniors and intermediates may choose a discussion group which gives a glimpse of the entire mission program of our communion, emphasizing activity outside Canada and the United States.

A discussion group on church vocations, stressing missions, has been popular with seniors. It will walk onto the stage in a new costume this year. A brand new book, prepared interdenominationally, will be the basis of the course—*It's Worth Your Life.* For junior highs there is an interest group on the ever-popular subject of the translations and distribution of the Bible and its part in extending the church.

Why not set up a team of scouts, giving each an assignment before he goes to the Meet? One may learn all possible on worship and perhaps bring home a worship service to be used in the home church. One may be asked to bring home suggestions on materials for study of the theme in Sunday evening meetings. One may watch for new ideas in recreation and decorations. Afterwards, plan your own study programs, using *CYF Studies Christian World Outreach* as your basic guide. (Free on request U.C.M.S.) —MARETA SMOOT



From Our Scrapbook on "The Indian American"

MOST of you will study the sections in *PM Pack* and *Fellowship* about Indian Americans in October and November. Use stories and quotes appearing here and more from the books from which they are borrowed.

On the Need for Living our Religion

(This story is quoted from *Doors Toward the Sunrise,* by Earle F. Dexter, Friendship Press. Used with permission.)

"I heard a story once about some white missionary fellow who came to the Indian country to start up a new church. He told an old man through an interpreter what his special kind of religion would do for the people. The old Indian listened, and finally he nodded his head. The white man was glad because he thought he had put across his idea with the Indians. Then the old man said, 'White man, we would be glad to have your religion do all those things for our people. And it may be that we will take up with your religion. But we Indians like to know that we're on the right trail before we go too far. So here is what you do: You can settle down and live among our people out here for a long time. We'll watch you, how you live—everything you do. If after a long time we see that the way you live is the kind of life we want to live, maybe we'll take up your religion. We hear a lot of smooth words from your people, but we have not seen many whose lives talk! That's what we want to see!' "

First Americans Have Problems

When Geronimo, an outstanding Navaho Christian leader who had his grade school training in the Navaho Methodist Mission School, attended a boys' camp, he disappointed the campers because he did not wear Indian regalia. One night when he was asked to talk at the campfire, he said:

"Every place we go you white people want us to put on an Indian dance or you want to know where our Indian costumes and our feather headdresses are. Maybe you don't realize it, but those are the things our grandparents use. It is as if when you come to visit us, we should ask you where your covered wagons, your buckskin shirts, and your flintlock muskets are. Those things belong to a past day. All our people are facing some big problems today, too big to be solved by feathers."

—From *This Is the Navaho,* by W. P. Bass

WORLD CALL NEWS ROOM

UCMS Commissions 12 Missionaries

TWELVE new missionaries were commissioned in Indianapolis on June 14 by The United Christian Missionary Society. Nine will serve in foreign stations, and three will serve in the United States.

Commissioned to serve in India were Miss Maxine Burch of Winterset, Ia.; Richard L. Carlson of Unionville, Conn.; Mrs. Carlson (Estelle Miller) of Schenectady, N. Y.; Richard L. Taylor of Topeka, Kan.; and Mrs. Taylor (Virginia Miller) of Denver, Colo.

Those commissioned for service with the United Society in Jamaica were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Horber. Mr. Horber is from Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife, the former Medrith Armstrong, is from Owensville, Ind.

Commissioned to serve in Africa were Randell O. Martin of Corbin, Ky., and his wife, formerly Newell Hobgood, of Lexington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Richardson of Lexington, Ky., were commissioned to serve as directors of Mount Beulah Christian Center in Edwards, Miss. Miss Mildred Sirls of Kansas City, Mo., was commissioned to serve at All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles, Calif.

The annual commissioning service was held in the Downey Avenue Christian Church and was climaxed with the observance of the Lord's Supper. Certificates of life commission were presented to the candidates by A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Society.

New Staff Members

Fred D. Sawyer of Bloomfield, Ia., is beginning his work on Sept. 1 as national director in the department of men's work of the United Society. Mr. Sawyer's major assignment will be the development of men's organizations in town and country churches.

Walter J. Lantz of Portland, Ore., is a new national director of youth work in the department of religious education of the United Society. He will be in charge of leadership training and field program.

D. Allison Holt, since 1953 the director of Christian education for Texas, is beginning his work on Sept. 1 as assistant executive secretary of the department of religious education of the United Society.

Benevolence

A large crowd was present on May 22 for the dedication of the new residence hall and infirmary at the California Christian Home in San Gabriel. The address of dedication was given by J. Eric Carlson, executive secretary of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church. This expansion increases the service capacity of the Home by one-fourth to a normal operating capacity of 100 guests.

Mrs. Alice Scott, superintendent of the Child Saving Institute, N.B.A. Home in Omaha, Neb., is recuperating from a serious stroke. She has been staying at the home of her son-in-law in Fort Worth, Tex.

Weddings

Elizabeth Ann Sly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Sly, was married on June 3 in Denver, Colo., to Dr. H. Carmer Van Buren. Dr. Sly is chairman of the foreign division of the United Society.

Miss Lois Grimes, former secretarial assistant in the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society, and Courtney Swander, editorial associate in the department of religious education, were married on July 14 in Duncan, Okla. The couple toured Disciples mission work in Mexico in July. Both are missionary candidates of the United Society.

Christian Unity

Two of the staff members of the Council on Christian Unity are now giving more of their time as part of an enlarged program of service to the churches.

Robert Tobias, director of the department of ecumenical service, will be giving one-half time to the Council in 1955-56 and will continue as a member of the faculty of the School of Religion, Butler University. Ronald E. Osborn, director of the study department, will be giving more time to the work of the Council. Prof. Osborn, head of the department of church history at the School of Religion, recently returned from a year of ecumenical service and study in Europe and the Near East.

The Council reports that grants of fifty dollars each have been made to further unity work abroad. One gift by the Council, sent to Basil Holt in South Africa, has been used to further the Christian Education Movement of Southern Africa and to benefit the Wilgespruit Community. Another fifty dollars went to Hallam C. Shorrock, Jr., World Council of Churches and Church World Service representative in Japan and special representative of the Council on Christian Unity in the Far East.

Services Held

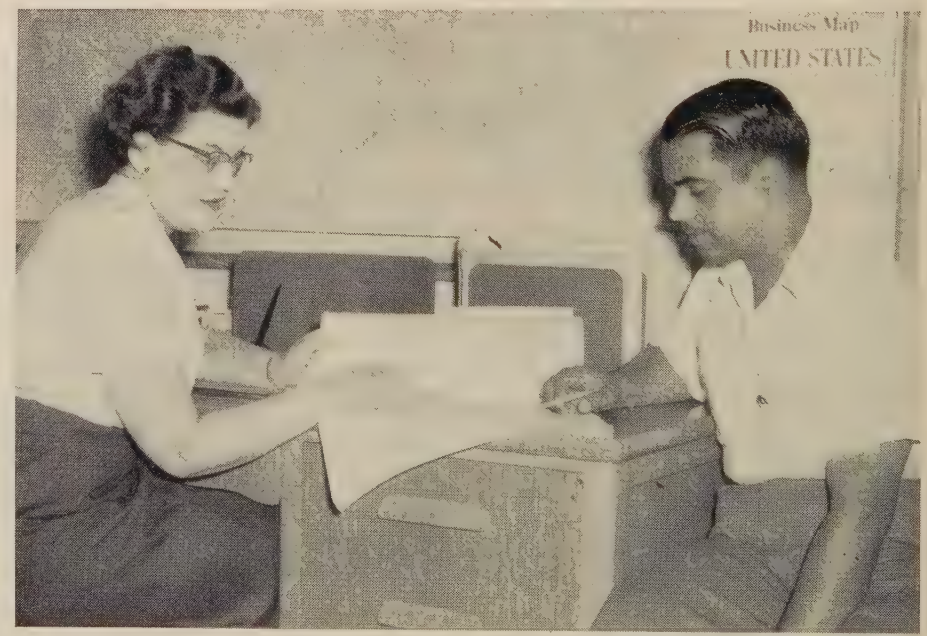
Services were held on June 30 in Wheeling, W. Va., for Edward Kunz, father of Mrs. A. Dale Fiers. Mr. Kunz died on June 28. Mrs. Fiers is the wife of the president of the United Society.

Staff Members Honored

Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice-president of the United Society and executive secretary of the department of Christian Women's Fellowship, received two honorary doctorates during the June commencement period. She received the LL.D. degree from Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., and the D.D. degree from Butler University, Indianapolis.

Willard M. Wickizer, chairman of the division of home missions of the United So-

Indian Disciples Begin Graduate Study



—Photo by Merrell

Peter Solomon, Disciples of Christ minister in India, is shown in the photo above as he checks summer speaking engagements with Miss Nancy Wilson of the department of resources of The United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Solomon is to take graduate work this year at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and his wife, Dilasi, is to study at Phillips University, Enid, Okla. The Solomons arrived in the U.S. in June.

Missionary Register

Arriving from the Field:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bowers arrived in the United States in August from Belgian Congo on regular furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Byerlee and their young daughter arrived in the United States from Congo early in August for furlough and study.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holroyd, missionaries in Mexico, arrived in the United States in late August for a regular furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams arrived in the United States on July 20 from Paraguay on regular furlough.

Miss Hallie Strange arrived in the United States in August on furlough from Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Williams arrived in August from Puerto Rico for a special assignment.

Departing for the Field:

Mr. and Mrs. Randell Odell Martin left New York by boat on Aug. 16 for Brussels, Belgium, for study before beginning work in Belgian Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horber, newly commissioned missionaries to Jamaica, left for the field in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kepple, now on regular furlough, returned to Mexico late in August.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Franklin White and three children arrived July 18 on furlough from India.

ciety, received a special citation for outstanding leadership and service at a meeting earlier this year of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. The meeting was held in Washington, D. C. Dr. Wickizer has served as chairman of the Commission during the past two years.

C. A. Weesner, executive secretary of the department of audio-visual services of the United Society, has been asked to serve as chairman of the committee on foreign mission themes of the audio-visual committee of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education.

Watson Retires

Ben E. Watson, who has been serving as special field representative for the Capital for Kingdom Building Program, retired on June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Watson served as Disciples missionaries in Japan from 1918-24 and have since done extensive work in the field in behalf of the United Society.

C.Y.F. Commission

Approximately 200 young people from churches of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada met in Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 22-26 for the annual meeting of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission. The sessions were held on the Indiana University campus. The youth and their adult counselors selected the theme for C.Y.F. groups for 1956-57 and laid plans for youth programs in the fields of worship, study, enlistment of new members, group recreation and service projects.

Fraternal Aid

Three young ministerial couples from churches of Disciples of Christ in the United States sailed from Montreal, Canada, on July 16 to begin a three-year period of service with British Churches of Christ. Their appointments were arranged through the Committee on Fraternal Aid to British Churches of Christ.

The appointees are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Huff of Hutchinson, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. John Keppel of Havre de Grace, Md.; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wick of Evansville, Ind.

Director in Britain

James L. Ballinger, national youth director for the United Society in charge of youth fellowship, camps and conferences, will return to the United States on Sept. 27 after spending two months in Europe.

Mr. Ballinger has been assisting the British Churches of Christ in the development of an expanding youth program. He conducted several three-day training sessions for youth leaders and adult workers with youth.

While in England, Mr. Ballinger also served as fraternal delegate from the International Convention of Disciples of Christ to the annual conference of the British churches which was held at Leicester, England, Aug. 1-5.

Following his stay in England, Mr. Ballinger and his wife are to spend three weeks in Europe touring youth and student projects of the World Council of Churches in Germany, Switzerland and France.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Aigi Kamikawa became parents of a son, Eugene Mamoru, on May 25 in Tokyo, Japan. The Kamikawas are missionaries in Japan with the United Society.

A son, Bruce James, was born to Lew and Dorothy Davis on June 14. The Davises are missionaries in India with the United Society.

Nationals

Taiji Takahashi, national from Japan who has been studying at the Bible College of the University of Missouri, will sail on the *President Cleveland* from Los Angeles, Calif., on Sept. 17, returning to his work in Japan.

Miss Gladys Harrison of Jamaica returned to her country the last of July after a year of training in religious education in the United States.

Adopt Child

Mr. and Mrs. John White, missionaries with the United Society in the Philippines, announce their adoption of an 8-year-old Filipino girl, whom they have named Christine Louise.

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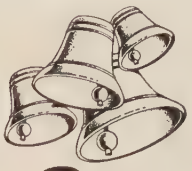

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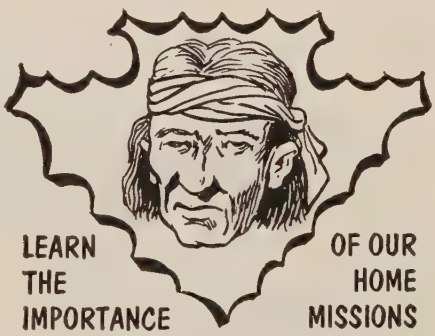

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Book Chat

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ing of each; the third on the "Moulding Purpose" seeks a closer definition of the scope of our Christian education; the fourth on the "Christian Content" has a trite outline of the approach to body, mind and spirit but with strikingly vital and original material. The fifth chapter on "The Finished Work" deals with goals, characteristics and assurances of Christian education in its final results.

SOMETIMES a book is to be praised for its intent even if it falls short of its goal. Martin Hegland, a well-known teacher in a Lutheran college, shares the conviction of many that there is an opportunity for Christian teaching, even in secular subjects, and he endeavors to make suggestions as to the Christian values that are teachable in these subjects. His little book, *Christianity in Education*, has short chapters suggesting the Christian values in the teaching of such subjects as history, philosophy, literature, languages, natural sciences, social studies, music, art, homemaking, etc. While his treatment is limited and somewhat superficial, the idea is good. Christian education in an institution of higher education cannot be relegated to a few classes on religion; it must be in the reverent treatment of all truth and in a Christian attitude on the part of all teachers of all subjects.

Books Mentioned in Book Chat

THE TASK OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, by D. Campbell Wyckoff. Philadelphia. The Westminster Press. 172 pp. Price, $2.75.

THE CHRISTIAN IMPRINT, by Fred P. Corson. New York and Nashville. Abingdon Press. 156 pp. Price, $2.50.

CHRISTIANITY IN EDUCATION, by Martin Hegland. Minneapolis. Augsburg Publishing House. 110 pp. Price, $1.75.

MOMENT BY MOMENT, by Margaret T. Applegarth. New York. Harper & Brothers. Price, $2.75.

Miss Applegarth has rare ability in telling a simple story in such a way that its relevance to life is apparent and there is no need to elaborate with a "moral." From many fields of literature and life she has brought together in this imaginative book of meditations thirty-four such stories. Beautifully written, they are devotional in the creative sense and will be prized either for personal reading or as a source for leaders of worship and study groups.

Book of the Month

THROUGH THE GOSPELS TO JESUS, by Dwight M. Beck. New York. Harper and Brothers. Price, $5.00.

The Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature recommends to laymen and ministers, *Through the Gospels to Jesus*. This book was chosen for September reading by Stephen J. England of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma.

In commenting upon *Through the Gospels to Jesus*, Dr. England says:

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Publications Received

MOMENT BY MOMENT, Story-Meditations by Margaret T. Applegarth. New York. Harper & Brothers. $2.75.

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The Cross and the Eagle, a novel based on the life of St. Paul, by Julius Berstl. Philadelphia. Muhlenberg Press. $3.50.

There Comes a Time, a novel by Charles Mercer. New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons. $3.50.

The Strangeness of the Church, by Daniel Jenkins. New York. Doubleday & Co. $2.95.

Doctor of Tanganyika, by Paul White. Grand Rapids. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. $3.00.

The Ever-Nearer Near East, by Samuel Guy Inman. Wilton, Conn. Worldover Press. Paper, 50c each; 12 for $3.60.

The Good News. A New Testament with over 500 illustrations and maps. New York. American Bible Society. $2.00.

Vocational and Professional Monographs—Religion, by James A. Nichols, Jr. Cambridge, Mass. Bellman Publishing Co. Paper, $1.00.

Seek First the Kingdom, by Mona Davis. New York. Exposition Press. $3.00.

Friendship Press Books, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

This Revolutionary Faith, by Floyd Shacklock. Cloth, $2.00; paper, $1.25.

The Gift Is Rich, by E. Russell Carter. Cloth, $2.00; paper, $1.25.

Revolution and Redemption, by M. M. Thomas and Paul E. Converse. Paper, 60c.

Pattern of Things to Come, by Dorothy McConnell. Cloth, $1.50; paper, 75c.

Picture Album: *World Friends Spreading the Gospel.* Photographs with text by Elizabeth Allstrom. $1.00.

Picture Album: *World Friends, Indian Americans.* Photographs with text by Loretta Ingalls. $1.00.

Adult Guide on Indian Americans, by Alice Maloney. Paper, 50c.

One-Act Plays: *Fear Not,* by Jeanne Carruthers; *Caught Between,* by Helen Kromer; *Jungle Prize,* by Marion Holmes. 50c each.

How to Use *World Upside Down,* by Margaret Green. Paper, 50c.

Youth Guide on Indian Americans, by John D. Banks. Paper, 50c.

Junior Teacher's Guide to accompany *Yakima Boy,* by Doris Demaree. Paper, 50c.

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Adult Guide, *The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World,* by William N. Wysham. Paper, 50c.

Junior Teacher's Guide on *Spreading the Gospel Today,* by Carolyn Wolcott. Paper, 50c.

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Disciple Wins Grant

Miss Juanita Joy Campbell of Arlington, California, a member of the Disciples of Christ, is one of the forty-one college students who recently received scholarship grants from the American Missionary Association of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches. These grants, for the 1955-56 academic year, went to students of Indian American and Spanish-speaking backgrounds. Miss Campbell is a Pomo Indian.

The awards, which totaled approximately $16,000, went to students from twenty-three Indian tribes, three of Spanish-speaking background and one Alaskan Eskimo. Candidates for the scholarships were judged in part on their potential ability to contribute to the welfare of their own groups as well as to the larger national community.

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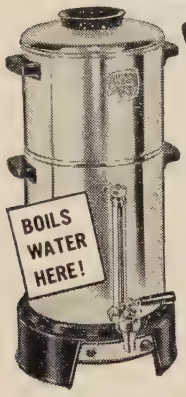

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LABELING the divisions of the church as shameful, a renowned missionary-statesman presented to South Africans this past June a plea for Christian unity from the viewpoint of Disciples of Christ.

R. S. Garfield Todd, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, speaking from his experience as a missionary to that country from the churches in New Zealand, called upon his listeners to recognize all Christians as brothers but also to "recognize that the church is of God's designing and therefore it behooves us to measure our ideas about it and our plans for it alongside his standards as set forth for our guidance in the New Testament."

Mr. Todd delivered the annual Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture on Christian unity at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg on June 1. This annual lecture is sponsored by the Council on Christian Unity of Disciples of Christ in the United States.

"The Church Indivisible"

Mr. Todd, who is the first Disciple to deliver the Ainslie Lecture, used as his theme, "The Church Indivisible." Speaking frankly to a large audience of church, government and business leaders, Mr. Todd confessed that his isolation as a missionary had meant that contemporary theological thought had passed him by. Nevertheless, he said, he had the "temerity" to give the address because:

"I have belonged all my life to a church which has concerned itself deeply with the need for unity; because I have seen the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and I know that it cannot be fully effective in a divided church; because, having been called to lead a government, I believe implicitly that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.'"

Division a Stumbling Block

Mr. Todd, who held that the "sin of division is in itself a most serious stumbling block to the carrying out of God's will upon the earth," traced the history of the Disciples of Christ for his listeners. He pointed out that Disciples began with the belief that they were not the only Christians but *Christians only*. He confessed, however, that many persons within the movement had come to think of the Church of Christ (Disciples) as the only true church.

"Eventually," Mr. Todd said, in speaking of his early relationship to the Disciples of Christ, "I came to believe not only in Christ and his atoning work but also in the special plea of our churches for unity. I also must confess that in my youth I considered that my own church held the key to the problem and that all truth was with it."

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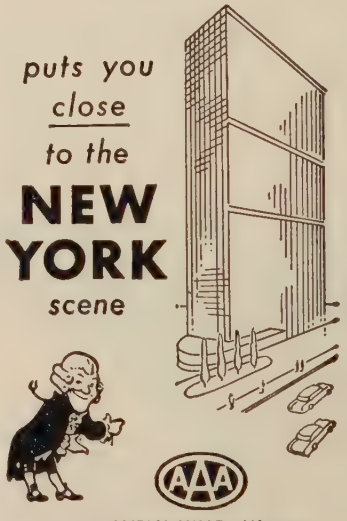

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faction." He found the needs of the people overwhelming and saw the necessity of the churches' working together.

"There are two things which should compel us along this road towards union," the Prime Minister said. "The one is the great need of mankind and the other the greatness of the love of God."

Indian Workers Meet
300 Study Current Problems

THE Indian American is on the move. Every year large numbers leave the reservation to seek new jobs and a new way of life in America's industrial centers. How the Christian churches of the nation can help them in transition to an easier adjustment to the main currents of American life was the concern of some 300 delegates to the Triennial Conference of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers this past July in Estes Park, Colorado.

Representing the home missions programs among Indians of the major United States Protestant communions, plus a number of welfare agencies and the United States government, delegates spent six full days discussing such topics as evangelism, education, health services, social group work and other aspects of Indian work. Representing Disciples of Christ at the conference was Malcolm Norment, director of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan, Washington.

A major portion of the time was given over to problems relating to the proposed government legislation closely affecting Indians.

Old Filipino Woman Is a Good Steward

LEONA does not know how old she is; with the passing of the years her mind does not always retain the facts. One year, between birthdays, she skipped ten years in accounting her age. The missionaries think she is close to 80. For over half of those years she has been a cheerful and efficient helper in missionary homes. Nothing pleased Leona more than when the home included a new baby or a small child.

For the past eight years Leona has continued to make her home with the missionaries, but her contribution to the maintenance of the house could be classed more in the category of what my grandmother called "puttering."

Her routine today is like this—a bit of washing, often forgetting it before it is hung on the line; a bit of dusting, often forgetting to put the dust cloth away; a bit of preparing the vegetables, only to place them in a place unknown to any but herself. This sometimes makes Leona a bit of a problem. But there are no relatives to care for her in her old age; the missionaries are her "loved ones."

All the missionaries who have employed the old woman in the past contribute board, room and $5.00 a month for her. Leona finds it almost impossible to go to church. Her legs will not carry her, the traffic of Manila frightens her, and her eyesight is not dependable.

Leona has not forgotten that the Scriptures teach that as God has prospered man, so shall man return unto him. God has been good to her she feels. Has he not given her a home, food and a spending allowance? Do not the missionaries care for her in her old age?

That God has blessed her richly is her uppermost thought and so, even though she cannot go to the chapel on Sunday, she sends her offering. Each Sunday as the missionary comes to take his car from the garage, Leona meets him and hands him her offering.

"Please place my gift to God in the offering basket," she says. Her gift? A tithe? No, it is a *double* tithe. Too much? As Leona says, "The Lord has been good to me. . . ."

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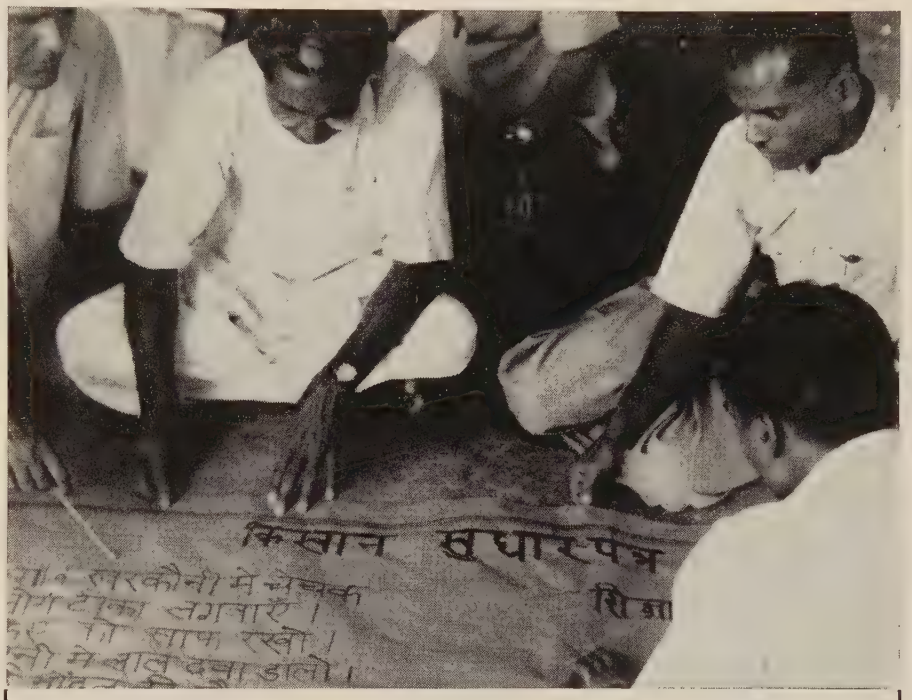

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Refugees Arrive in New York

Shipload Is First To Arrive in U.S. Under Relief Act

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The Rumiger family, above, discuss their future with Harold Bonell of the World Council of Churches' staff in Bremerhaven, Germany (second, left), before sailing for the United States under the refugee act.

A 29-year-old Estonian leg amputee who will be given an opportunity to use his hands to support himself in America was among the 1,250 refugees who sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany, on July 2 in the first large sailing in connection with the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

In the new speed-up of the R.R.A. program the Estonian, along with 200 other World Council of Churches cases arrived in New York aboard the transport *General Langfilt* on July 12. They are now being helped to find new homes and jobs under assurances secured by Church World Service, through which Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States work.

"A striking characteristic of the first of these big sailings by which more than 8,000 refugees will be taken to America before the end of 1955 is the number of healthy young families who are anticipating a new life," says Harold Bonell, W.C.C. senior representative of Service to Refugees in Germany.

Aboard the boat which left the German port in the first of a series of seven sailings was the 30,000th person admitted with a visa under the Refugee Relief Act.

U.S. Ambassador to Germany James B. Conant, deputy relief administrator Pierce J. Gerety, and the new head of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration Harold H. Tittman met with dignitaries representing West Germany, Austria and the city of Bremen in special ceremonies marking this first sailing of an entire shipload of migrants under the R.R.A.

The part played by the World Council of Churches, Church World Service and other voluntary agencies in caring for refugees and helping secure assurances for them was praised by Mr. Gerety.

In Refugee Camps

The 200 refugees sponsored by the World Council of Churches have been scattered in several refugee camps in Germany and Austria. Two days before the sailing they came to a camp near Bremen for final processing.

Special religious services were held for the refugees prior to embarkation. The Protestant ceremony on Friday night was marked by the distribution of Bibles under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation.

The World Council of Churches and Church World Service cases among the refugees represented a wide variety of national backgrounds, including East Germans, Volksdeutsche and representatives of many Iron Curtain countries.

A 73-year-old woman, who is a native of Russia and who spent unhappy years as a forced laborer brought to Germany in 1943, looked forward to reunion with her daughter previously settled in Hoboken, New Jersey, by Church World Service. This W.C.C. case is Mrs. Neonila Serhijewa, Greek Or-

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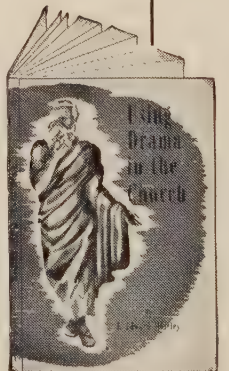

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Disciples Sponsor Refugees

Some forty-six refugee assurances had been completed by Disciples of Christ on July 13, according to Miss Ella Williams, Disciple field representative for refugee resettlement. None of the persons arriving on July 12 was Disciple-sponsored, she reported, but some should be arriving in the next few months. Disciples have a quota of 500 assurances—documents which provide that the persons sponsored will have housing and employment in the United States and will not become public liabilities. Sponsoring groups loan sufficient money to the refugees to pay inland transportation.

thodox, whose assurance in the United States is provided by a Protestant denomination. Now settled in the state of Tennessee are Herman and Natalia Meister and their 11-year-old son, Dieter. The parents are natives of Poland, but the young son was born in Germany. Through Church World Service and a denominational world alliance this Protestant family settled in the rural South. The father, a carpenter, also has experience as a farmer and expects to work on a farm.

Many of the refugees have more than once had to flee political persecution. Oskar Ruminger, born in Russia, escaped to Poland at the time of the 1918 revolution. In the 1944 Russian invasion of Poland he refugeed to Germany where he was taken into the German army and eventually returned to Russia as a prisoner of war. In 1948 he was released and returned to Germany where he was reunited with his wife.

World Council of Churches staff consider the July sailing the first break in the "big log jam" of the Refugee Relief Act which Dr. Robert Mackie, director of the Division of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees, said in his 1954-55 report had seriously jeopardized the work of the division.

Filipinos Study at Home Under New Extension Plan

CHURCH workers in the Philippines who are unable to attend institutions of higher education may study at home, under a program sponsored by the United Church of Christ. This correspondence program is called Extension Ministerial Education.

These correspondence courses are administered on two levels. The first level leads to licensing. The church worker who completes the fourteen courses may expect to be licensed. The second level of courses leads to ordination. Only those workers who have been graduated from high school and who already have been licensed may be enrolled in this second series of courses.

A student can finish three courses in one year. By attendance at summer school he can speed up his progress. Thus far, some 150 church workers have enrolled in these courses. Many of these have dropped by the wayside, having found the work more demanding than they expected. A large majority, however, have continued, and new students are continually being enrolled.

In this program of correspondence study the students get in simplified and condensed form much of the material that is covered in the theological colleges. An effort is being made to help the workers come to deeper understanding of the Bible, Christian theology, church history, Christian education, the minister's job, and many other related studies. These courses are prepared by professors in theological seminaries in the Philippines. The cost of enrolling is negligible.

—Philippine Christian Advance and Rural Fellowship Bulletin

Bill Aids Church Mailings

PRESIDENT Eisenhower recently signed legislation allowing churches and religious organizations to enter their publications as second class mail without having to maintain separate subscription and membership lists.

Under a previous law, church organizations were required to obtain a signed statement from their members that a part of their contributions should be regarded as a subscription to the periodical.

The new law will particularly benefit churches which maintain congregational bulletins.

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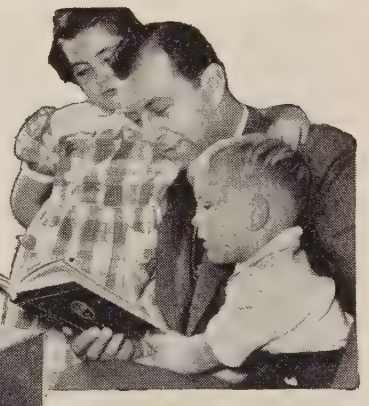

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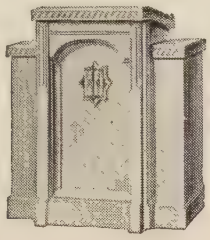

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Women of the Makati Church of Christ in the Philippines serve food to the delegates in the outside dining hall made from tarpaulins and cogon grass especially for the convention.

—Photo by White

Tagalog Disciples Hold Convention

THE Makati Church of Christ in Rizal District in the Philippines played host to the thirty-nine churches of Disciples of Christ in the Tagalog area from April 14-17. It was the annual convention, and Mrs. Juliana Banda, president of the convention, presided over this inspirational gathering. Approximately 350 delegates attended.

The people of the Makati congregation performed a near miracle when they transformed their small church into a large convention hall. Through hard work and the ingenious use of tarpaulins and cogon grass, they provided extra seating space beside the church and a truly wonderful dining hall. By means of a public address system all were able to hear the speakers.

Among the highlights of the convention was the afternoon program sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Mrs. Benjamin Guansing, wife of the president of Union Theological Seminary of Manila, was the speaker. Another outstanding program was that put on by the National Christian Youth Fellowship under the direction of Miss Dorothy Martin. The young people re-created a program they had given for the Nigerian project—a project designed to raise money to send a Filipino young person to do missionary work in Nigeria. Another high point was the music provided at each session by the different church choirs and on Saturday night by a combined youth choir directed by Mrs. Kay White.

The convention's last session ended on a high level with an ordination service for three Tagalog pastors.

—JOHN F. WHITE

Manila, Philippines

Church and TV

National Council Studies Uses

THE National Council of Churches has begun work on the development of a master plan for the use of television in Christian education. The blueprint will focus on the family unit as the primary audience. It is expected to include suggestions for materials which will tie in TV programs with the local church education program.

Development of the plan was a recommendation of some sixty television industry and Christian education leaders meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin, this past June for a joint consultation on Christian educational television.

S. Franklin Mack, director of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission, said that preparation of the plan is expected to take several months.

He added that another meeting of TV and church leaders is scheduled in October at Green Lake.

Dr. Mack said the plan envisions the launching of a new program series for children, the continuation of the Commission's CBS network youth show, "Look up and Live," and the possible later addition of new programs for the family as a whole.

The conferees urged that all new programming be preceded by careful research. They also suggested that denominational boards of Christian education include guidance material "for purposeful television viewing" in the home and family life literature distributed in their churches.

The consultation addressed its recommendations to the Broadcasting and Film Commission and to the National Council's Commission on General Christian Education.

Labor Sunday Message

NCC Releases Annual Statement

THE National Council of Churches has hailed the progress in relations between labor and management in the lessening of jurisdictional disputes and "the growing spirit of cooperation among the branches of organized labor in the United States."

The nation's churches owe a debt to the labor movement, says the National Council in its 1955 Labor Sunday Message which will be read in September in thousands of American churches. It cites the labor movement for its role in increasing living standards for the worker and in giving him the opportunity to participate in decision-making in a democratic framework.

Labor unions have gained for the worker "that sense of dignity and of belonging which every human being craves and which everyone needs for full development of his personality," the message states.

At the same time the Council cautions labor that its increasing strength places upon it a greater obligation to be truly democratic in its procedures and to weigh every act in relation to its effect upon the general welfare. The obligation is in direct proportion to its power—and is shared by every organization and individual—the Council states.

CWS Reports Surplus Totals

AMERICAN Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions working together through Church World Service expect to distribute a total of 141,774,425 pounds of United States government surplus foods free to needy persons overseas during 1955. This is being done through the "Share Our Surplus" program being carried out by C.W.S. on behalf of its constituent communions.

This vast amount of foodstuffs—loaded in boxcars it would make a train more than forty miles long—is scheduled to go to hungry, homeless and destitute people in twenty-nine countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

Total value of the scheduled shipments for 1955, a large portion of which have already gone forward, is $49,535,028.

The tremendous scope of this year's "Share Our Surplus" undertaking of the communions was announced by R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service.

Cost of the year's S.O.S. operation is estimated at approximately one million dollars, Mr. Wilson said. These funds are to be provided by denominational and individual church and community contributions in response to the "Share Our Surplus" appeal of the Surplus Commodity Distribution Program, as well as the contributions through CROP—the Christian Rural Overseas Program of Church World Service—and the direct contribution of individual church men, women and children.

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While St. Pete made you wait outside,
I'd ask him, 'Please, may I wait too?'
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And while we are quoting poetry (?), how about this from the *Gene Elders*, La Marque, Texas:

"We used to live where we ain't no more.
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You know where we was, but not where we is,
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Sometimes the effects of reading an article in WORLD CALL are like the ripples caused by dropping a pebble into a pool of water. The ever-widening circles touch the lives of those far away in a most amazing way. The following is from the newsletter of Texas District Six churches:

"*Mrs. Ada Mary Myers* of Somerville, Tennessee, read about Bella Vista in WORLD CALL. She made a visit to Brownsville to see the work for herself. She was so impressed that she turned her flower shop over to her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Paul Summers, and planned a two months' vacation here to help build Bella Vista Church. She arrived June 28 with her ten-year old son, David, and a new station wagon to go to work."

And from the *Unified Informer*, state paper of Southern California, comes this: ". . . But there are other things beside program material in this excellent ALL-church magazine. A member of the El Monte CWF read the article on refugee families in the March number. She passed it on to the members of the official board and recently the church voted to sponsor a family. A family of nine has been assigned to them. They have received their pictures and the whole church is looking forward to their coming.

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Last Column

Where Is the Oldest?

THE Slash Christian Church at Peaks, Virginia, recently celebrated the two hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the erection of its building and the one hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. A principal speaker at the church's anniversary program and its dedication of a new educational building on July 17 was Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, a former president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

The announcement of the observance has raised the question: Is the building in which the Slash church worships the oldest in the Disciples brotherhood? Are any congregations worshiping in houses erected before 1729?

All in Fun

Tugboats are like preachers; they toot the loudest when they're in the biggest fog. Whales resemble preachers, too; they get along fine as long as they keep on swimming. It's when they start spouting that they get into trouble.

—*The Chaplain*

And he told me the story of the countryman. This old fellow, it seems, had a conscience that troubled him. At last he went to a farmer and said, "Master, I'm sorry. I stole a rope from you a while back." His master forgave him and the countryman went away. But he still had no peace of mind. For he had not told the farmer that there was a cow at the end of the rope when he stole it.

—PETER HOWARD, FROM *Ideas Have Legs*

"What did Mama's little boy learn in school today?"

"I learned two kids not to call me 'Mama's little boy.' "

Gifts

God has two kinds of gifts for us: first, there are the ones he gives whether we ask for them or not—the sun which shines, the air we breathe, the fertility of the soil. Parents give their children such things as food, shelter, clothing and watchful care whether the child asks for them or not.

The other gifts he gives only if we ask for them. I want my son to have a college education, but I cannot give it to him unless he asks for it and wants it. If I make available for him the money he needs, he must cooperate by opening his mind through study in order to receive the education. Yes, the reason we do not receive the answers to our prayers may be in us—in our failure to cooperate!

—CHARLES L. ALLEN, FROM *When the Heart Is Hungry* (Reyell)

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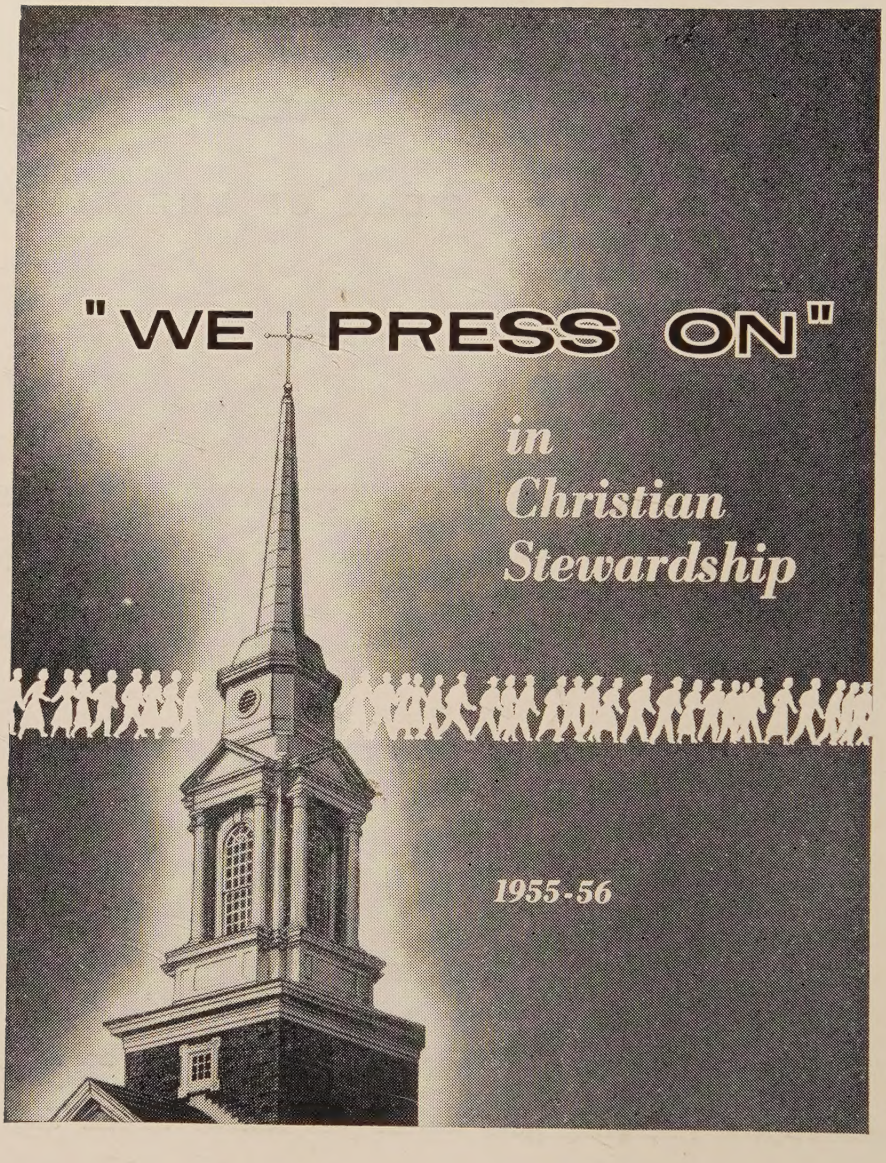

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